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IT'S TIME TO DEREGULATE THE REGULATOR

A large levee bank was built across Yarriambiack Creek in the early part of the 20th Century. It is known as "the regulator" and is a huge earthen bank with only two pipes through it.

Council believes the regulator limits natural flows up the Yarriambiack Creek and should be removed to enhance the environmental sustainability of the creek.

At its Council meeting held 27 August 2014, the following motion was successfully passed by Council:-

"Moved Cr R Kingston seconded Cr T Grange that the Wimmera CMA in conjunction with GWMWater, be requested to provide a specification for the flood study to examine the impacts of the removal of the regulator on the Yarriambiack Creek, that quotations for the study be obtained and that funding be sourced."

Council understands from a previous flood study found that the regulator has minimal impact on flood flows and should be removed.

Cr Ray Kingston said "I am not too sure we even need another flood study. It was quite clear from the last one that the regulator does not do a thing in a flood situation, while in low and medium flows it acts as a massive restriction. But if GWM Water and the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority want another study, they should get on and get it done"

Mayor Cr Andrew McLean offered strong support "I have been a member of the Yarriambiack Creek Advisory Committee for a fair period and that group has long supported removal of the regulator. Its time the creek after which our Shire is named received a fair apportionment of water."

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Yarriambiack Creek – Regulator Levee Bank