

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## YARRIAMBIACK CREEK SEEKS ITS FAIR SHARE

Council at its meeting held 27 August 2014, discussed the importance of maintaining the concrete sill across the Wimmera River, just downstream of the Yarriambiack Creek off-take. This sill is in disrepair and is reducing the amount of water distributed to the Yarriambiack Creek.

Council passed the following motion:-

*“Moved Cr T Grange seconded Cr R Kingston that Council write to GWMWater and request that the concrete sill across the Wimmera River be repaired as soon as possible.”*

The urgency of the repair was stressed by Council before any significant flows are experienced in the Wimmera River.

The concrete sill was constructed across Wimmera River just past the Yarriambiack Creek off-take in 1967 in order that water be reasonably shared between the Wimmera River and Yarriambiack Creek. The broken sill means that during low flows, water bypasses the creek off-take depriving the thirsty creek of valuable water.

Mayor, Cr Andrew McLean explained the urgency of the matter “This is an important structure and a timely repair will be a relatively simple task. However if the sill is not made stable and a large flow subsequently washes the structure away, it will be an environmental disaster. Now is the time for action.”

Yarriambiack Creek Advisory Committee alerted Council to the failing structure which is owned by GWMWater

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