

6.3 Water Sharing Plan

NOTICE OF MOTION LISTED BY CR RUSSELL HOLDEN

TO 16 JUNE 2021 ORDINARY MEETING

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MOTION

That Council write to Water NSW (formerly State Water) and formally request that negotiations for a renewed Water Sharing plan commence immediately.

Background

Council and the community have been frustrated by Water NSW's steadfast stance that the Water Sharing Plan permits certain outflows from Windermere Dam and approves such events regardless of the current environmental situation. An example of this was the recent releases of environmental flows into the river system despite localised flooding.

The Council and the local community have been equally steadfastly in agreement that the lower limit of Windermere should not be 70ML, but 110ML before releases can occur. Adjustment to the Water Sharing Plan are lengthy and the sooner Council commences fresh negotiations the better.

Officer's comments

Council's General Manager has sent a letter to our local member to arrange a meeting with Minister Pavey. We are still awaiting a response.