



Permanent recreational lake water development project at Golf Course (Dawson) Lake update – Deferment Decision

The Dumbleyung Shire Council has resolved that continued investigations on the potential to establish a permanent water recreation lake in the Shire of Dumbleyung be suspended.

This difficult decision stems from expert environmental advice that the project was unlikely to receive State Government regulatory approval due to the perceived significant environmental risks that the project posed. The large investment that is required by the Shire to undertake the required environmental studies was also a major contributor (inhibitor) for the decision to suspend the project. These costs are estimated to be anywhere between \$1.4M-\$2.9M and take 2.5-5 years to complete, with no guarantee of a successful outcome at the back end.

The Shire of Dumbleyung has been working on this project from 2019/20 using small budget allocations each financial year to progressively understand the project inputs and potential. Although these preliminary studies showed promise, the next State Government engagement and advisory step has proven to be insurmountable, both financially (high cost to conduct environmental studies) and risk (high probability that the State Government environmental regulatory body would reject the proposal).

Further details are available in the attached [link](#).

The original project planning methodology used by the Shire of Dumbleyung has been cautious and gradual, using a step by step process via the following:-

1. Diversion and spoil option analysis (complete)
2. Investigation of the sub surface (complete)
3. Preliminary design and costs for chosen diversion option (partially complete, indicated potential capex cost of \$1.8M-\$2M)
4. Undertake Environmental Impact Assessment (current situation, this work)

The studies completed and the information obtained for the project will not be lost with the results to be filed for future potential reference.

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