

6 Recommendations

The following recommendations are made:

- Recommence the monitoring of bores that have lapsed, with six-monthly updates sent to engage monitors and maintain involvement by providing feedback on information they are collecting. These updates should also indicate the importance of their work in tackling the salinity issue in Bet Bet.
- Reinstate the six monthly salinity readings. Many of the bores do not have salinity readings, or the last reading was taken in 1997. The ongoing monitoring will also indicate the importance of low rainfall on salinity concentration in groundwater systems that are very responsive to local climatic variation, such as those at Lexton.

- Organise redevelopment and maintenance on the lapsed bores prior to reinstating them so that readings will be accurate, particularly those that have not been read for almost 10 years. Any more bores monitored by DPI will need to be funded through external funding sources such as NAP.
- Investigate management options such as groundwater utilisation.