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Demonstration Reaches – Where to now?

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Purpose

- Jurisdictions have embraced the concept of Demonstration Reaches.
- Future should build on this success and level of community support.
- Provide a list of issues for consideration.

The Concept

- Original Concept still valid.
- Increase emphasis on their value in community engagement/ownership.
- Linkages with River Health.
- Fish as indicators.

Linkages with “whole of River” Rehabilitation

- Demo Reach to engage community, establish partnerships, demonstrating value.
- Work continued in catchment with River rehabilitation Reaches.

How Many Demonstration Reaches?

- Resource implications if too many?
- How many to cover suite of interventions?
- How many to cover habitats/communities?
- How many to cover “organisational” variabilities?

Size of Demonstration Reaches

- Determined on practicalities rather than biological grounds.
- Need to look at landscape dimensions in relation to fish/species communities of concern.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Monitoring of Interventions across the Basin.
- Intervention monitoring vs reach condition based monitoring.
- Monitoring effectiveness of community engagement.

Reporting Progress

- Need for interim reporting process.
- Celebrating milestones and maintaining community engagement.

Knowledge Sharing

- Knowledge exchange between Demonstration Reaches.
- Outcome of monitoring translated into practical management outcomes.

Indigenous Engagement

- Create opportunities to enhance engagement of indigenous communities in Demo Reaches.
- Recognise the wealth of valuable knowledge held by indigenous people.

Funding

- MDBA only seed funding.
- Need for innovative approaches to funding.

Communication with Steering Committee

- Committee needs to be kept aware of issues related to Demonstration Reaches.



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