

Meeting Notes

Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group Meeting

Monday, 14 September 2026 | Council Chambers – 2 pm

1. Acknowledgement of Country (Chair)

2. Introductions (Chair)

Invited Stakeholders:

Organisation	Representative Name
Tasmania Parks and Wildlife	Julian Gill (online) Oskar Bucirde (online)
Anglers Alliance / Inland Fishery Advisory Group	Howard Jones
Break O'Day Sports Angling Club	Howard Jones
Mineral Resources Tasmania	<i>No representative present</i>
Scottsdale High School	<i>No representative present</i>
Mt Cameron Field Study Centre Advisory Committee	<i>No representative present</i>
Tasmania Police	<i>No representative present</i>
Sanbar	<i>No representative present</i>
Pioneer Recreational Users' representative	<i>No representative present</i>
Pioneer Residents' representatives	Jenny Bellinger Linette Simpson - <i>apology</i>
Pioneer Progress Association	Alana Keygan - <i>apology</i>
Inland Fisheries	<i>No representative present</i>
Marine & Safety Tasmania (MAST)	<i>No representative present</i>
Dorset Council	Mayor Rhys Beattie (Chair) Councillor Nick Bicanic – <i>not present</i> Acting General Manager: Lauren Tolputt Director – Infrastructure / Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator: Kerry Sacilotto (online) Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth (note taker) (online)

3. Previous Meeting – 30 March 2026 (Acting General Manager)

a. Confirm attached previous meeting notes:

i. All present confirmed

b. Update on Actions from previous meeting:

i. Noted – all completed

ACTIONS

Who	Action
PWS	Provide general advice on lease / licence options available which include infrastructure.
Response: Advice received from PWS on options – see <u>attached</u> email from Julian Gill. COMPLETE	
PWS	Provide update on finalised schedule of works with contractors to Advisory Group.
Response: Confirmed schedule of works received from PWS 15 May 2026 – circulated to Advisory Group and updated on Council's website for public information, along with an update in Council's 18 May Council Meeting papers. COMPLETE	
Council	Schedule next meeting once notification is received from PWS on schedule of works.
Response: Meeting scheduled and notification send to Advisory Group via email on 15 May 2026. COMPLETE	

4. Status update Pioneer Dam wall works (PWS)

- Works are complete and were delivered ahead of schedule. The site reopened to the public on 31 July 2026, with a media release issued by Minister Duigan.
- The contractor advised that all works proceeded as planned, with no issues identified.
- A question was raised about erosion and whether future remediation or rehabilitation is planned, or whether the area will be left to recover naturally. PWS advised that monitoring will continue until December 2026 and will identify any remediation or rehabilitation required. The first post-completion report is expected next week.

5. PWS Lease / Licence (Group)

- Noted the general information provided by PWS that was circulated to the Group.
- Noted the current Council decision on a moratorium on new assets that was circulated to the Group.

6. Discussion – disband Group (Acting General Manager)

- Discussed whether the Advocacy Group is still required now that the Lake has reopened to the public.
- The Mayor and Acting General Manager advised that future suggestions for the area, including leasing opportunities, can be considered through the upcoming Pioneer Community Plan. Consultation is scheduled for 2027.
- Those present agreed to disband the Group. Communication will be included in the next Council Meeting agenda and made available on Council's website for a period of time.

7. Question Time / General Discussion (Group)

Inland Fishery Advisory Group / Anglers Alliance representative:

With the future Community Plan proposed, does this mean PWS will not make any further investment in the area and responsibility will sit solely with Council?

Council: The area is Crown Land and is not owned or maintained by Council. Any future suggestions for infrastructure, leases or similar uses would need to be identified through the relevant Community Plan and assessed against other Council-owned infrastructure priorities and the Council decisions in place at the time.

PWS: PWS has discussed the area with Council over the past 12 months. As previously advised, the Pioneer area is intended for day use only and is not a designated overnight camping area.

How will the scheduled Pioneer Community Plan consultation be communicated? Can the Group be included on a future mailing list?

Council: Consultation will be promoted through Council's usual channels, including local media, social media, the website and direct notification to local community members.

Pioneer Residents' representatives:

I have heard that revegetation in the area may affect fish in the Lake. Is that correct?

PWS: An environmental assessment was completed as part of the works. Parks is not aware of any adverse impacts on fish stocks in the Lake.

Will the access gate at the top of the Lake be opened or removed?

PWS: There are no plans to remove the gate, as the access road does not continue through. Signage is in place, or will be installed, to identify it as a no-through road.

8. Close

The Mayor thanked representatives for their involvement since the initial Motion was received in November 2024, with acknowledgement of PWS for its work. As the risks to the area have now been mitigated and day use has resumed, the Group will be disbanded.

ACTIONS

Who	Action
Council	To include communications in upcoming September Council Meeting agenda (along with these meeting notes) advising the community that the Advocacy Group has disbanded, and on the Council website.