

Biography

Waander Van Beek

Waander was elected to the Board of Murray Irrigation Ltd in 2018 and is seeking re-election so he can continue advocating on behalf of shareholders.

Waander and his wife Pam moved to the Berrigan region in 1977 where they started as dairy farmers. For many years they enjoyed the benefits of reliable and affordable water allocations. In 2003 the family sold the dairy and purchased a mixed irrigation farm down the road, moving out of dairy. Today their children and their partners are all connected with the irrigation industry in one way or another.

Waander has taken on leadership roles over many years, serving on local health and coal Boards. He was elected to Berrigan Shire Council and served six years, including two as Shire President. Currently Waander is the Chair of Cow Bank Pty Ltd and a Director of the Dairy Farm Land Management Company.

He stood for election to the MIL Board because he believes the largest privately owned irrigation system in the country is not being utilised to its potential for food production and creating economic wealth. During his first term on the MIL Board, Waander has worked hard to influence the company's direction.

Waander is focused on improving water allocations and implementing strategies to ensure water prices are at affordable levels. To achieve this goal he believes there needs to be fundamental shifts in MIL's approach to advocacy.

There needs to be critical change in the relationship between MIL as a company and its shareholders, and he sees an overwhelming need to rebuild trust and collaboration. Waander has faith and confidence in the MIL staff who are committed to implementing the directions of the Board.

With unity between the company and its shareholders a formidable team can be empowered to have the tough discussions with outside influences who are impacting on water availability and price.

Waander firmly believes the region's water has not been lost forever. Others may have it at the moment, but with the right strategy we can claw it back. This is why he is standing with Lachlan Marshall under a joint ticket, to be a Voice for the Shareholder, putting the shareholder and wider community first.

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