



## MINUTES

# FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (NORTHERN AREA)

at 5.00 pm

Thursday 18 February 2021

### In Attendance

I Ghetti – Transport and Stormwater Services Manager (Acting) - (Chair), A Monk – Transport for NSW, A Spratt – SES, R Laine – Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, S Milling – Transport for NSW, J Harris – Floodplain and Stormwater Unit Leader (Acting), O Garratt - Floodplain Management Engineer, Y Pandika – Floodplain Management Engineer, R Dinaro – Floodplain Management Engineer, D Green – Land Use Planning Manager, T McClure – Manager Infrastructure Strategy + Planning, D Tetley - CSSE, E Askew – WMA Water, R Dorman – Administration Officer

It is noted that the meeting did not meet the quorum requirements and that the Chair was unavailable to attend. As a result, I Ghetti was supported by the committee to act in the position of Chair and that the meeting would proceed.



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## 1 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

### 1.1 Welcome and Introduction

In line with NSW Health guidelines about Novel Coronavirus, we have made some changes to the way we are engaging the community, to keep our staff and people in our community safe. Instead of having face-to-face conversations with people, meetings are currently being conducted via Teams.

### 1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The traditional owners of the land were acknowledged.

### 1.3 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Cr Kershaw, Cr Rimmer, Cr Cox, N Pomfret, A Aquira, G Towers, A Heaven, J Byrne, J Conran, R Smith, C San Gil and S Earl.

### 1.4 Disclosures of Interests

Nil

### 1.5 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 May 2019 were accepted.

## 2 FLOOD MANAGEMENT UPDATE

### 2.1 Collins Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan Review

The project, which is funded by Council, will be getting underway in the near future.

The committee noted the provided information and update.

### 2.2 Hewitts Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan Review

The consultant from WMA Water provided a comprehensive presentation to the committee. The presentation identified three (3) main hot spots for additional in-depth investigation.

The presentation discussed updates in relation to ARR2019 and changes to flood levels across the catchment. Consideration will be given to how to manage the risks identified as part of the Floodplain Risk Management Study.

The study includes investigation of a range of potential options, considering how they will affect flood behaviour and their benefit. Once a list of preferred options has been identified, they will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

### 2.3 Towradgi Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan Review

The consultant from WMA Water provided a comprehensive presentation to the committee. The presentation identified six (6) main hot spots for additional in-depth investigation.

The presentation discussed updates in relation to ARR2019 and changes to flood levels across the catchment. Consideration will be given to how to manage the risks identified as part of the Floodplain Risk Management Study.

The study includes investigation of a range of potential options, considering how they will affect flood behaviour and their benefit. Once a list of preferred options has been identified, they will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

## 2.4 Recent Floodplain Risk Management Plan Implementation

### Ursula Road Flood Mitigation Scheme:

The consultant from CSSE provided a comprehensive presentation to the committee regarding the Investigation & Concept Design. A series of options were investigated to identify the best performing outcome. Community engagement is currently underway.

### Bellambi Gully Flood Mitigation Scheme:

The detailed design of this Scheme is underway. Community engagement has been carried out for the proposed concept design. Consideration will be given to applying for funding for the first stage of construction.

### West Street Flood Mitigation:

Detailed design has been completed. Implementation of the works is subject to ongoing negotiation with the land owners.

### Debris Control Structures:

Detailed design is progressing at four (4) locations with consultation and subsequent construction to follow.

Trish McClure and David Green left the meeting at 6pm.

## 2.5 Floodplain Management Grant Applications

The committee noted the following grant applications were unsuccessful:

- Collins Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan Review
- Ursula Road Flood Mitigation Scheme Detailed Design
- Debris Control Structures Construction – Gordon Hutton Park and Memorial Drive

These projects are, however, progressing with Council allocated funds. Council will, however, make application for grant funding for Bellambi Gully Flood Mitigation Scheme Stage 1 construction and Russell Vale Golf Course debris control construction as part of a new round of funding which has opened. Applications will close mid March.

## 3 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 3.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

## 4 NEXT MEETING

A date for the next meeting is to be decided once the preferred options of the Towradgi Creek and Hewitts Creek Floodplain Risk Management Plans have been selected.

## 5 CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 6:20pm.

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