

**ITEM A LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - SEDIMENT CONTROL ON BUILDING SITES**

The washing of sediment such as dirt, soil, sand and mud from building sites onto roads, drains and waterways can affect our environment and local amenity. This has been a particular problem during the recent wet weather. The requirements for managing sediment on building sites are set through development consents, Complying Development Certificates and regulation. The majority of those in the construction industry take these obligations seriously, however Council should highlight the importance of increased vigilance and monitoring of sediment control during wet weather. The aim of this Minute is to encourage a responsible and consistent approach to this problem; hopefully reducing instances of run off and the need for enforcement action from Council.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Wollongong City Council -

1. Contact and engage local building companies, project supervisors, private certifiers and relevant building industry peak bodies to highlight the need for greater vigilance and increased monitoring of onsite sediment control, particularly during rain events.
2. In this engagement, focus upon the need for planning to manage the increased frequency of heavy intense rainfall events, erosion and runoff, especially in the period between clearing and/or demolition and the commencement of construction.
3. Consider opportunities to enhance Council's existing education program to reinforce the obligations on builders, developers and certifiers to control sediment on building sites.

### ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.