

ITEM A

LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - IMPACT OF RECENT WEATHER EVENTS ON THE REGIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

The series of rain events since the beginning of 2022 have impacted greatly upon the city and the region. Transport links have been significantly disrupted, especially the M1 and connections, and all rail links have been closed at one stage or another.

This has highlighted the need for a review of transport and other infrastructure, and the need for targeted infrastructure expenditure to build greater resilience.

As an example, up until July 2022 Wollongong recorded 1668.2 mm of rain for the previous 108 days, with high winds and coastal erosion.

RECOMMENDATION

Wollongong City Council -

- 1 Notes the substantial disruption caused by the recent rain events (February to July 2022) on the social and economic activity of the city and region.
- 2 Convenes a meeting of stakeholders to formulate an overview of this impact and identify issues to lobby State and Federal Ministers and Agencies, for investment in transport and other infrastructure to build resilience, noting:
 - a Among those invited (but not excluding other possible stakeholders) BlueScope Steel, NSW Ports, GrainCorp, Qube Logistics, University of Wollongong, Manildra Group, Coregas, Cement Australia, South 32, RDA Illawarra, Business Illawarra, i3net, Shellharbour, Kiama and Soalhaven Councils and ISJO.
 - b That as part of the success and future promotion of the Region's economic activity, there needs to be clear investment priorities to improve transport links and resilience to avoid constrained assets and limiting investment opportunities.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.