



MINUTES

FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CENTRAL AREA)

at 5.00 pm

Thursday 9 February 2021

In Attendance

Councillor J Dorahy - (Chair), A Monk – Transport for NSW, N Pomfret - Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, I Ghetti – Transport and Stormwater Services Manager (Acting), J Harris – Floodplain and Stormwater Unit Leader (Acting), O Garratt - Floodplain Management Engineer, M Rahman– Floodplain Management Engineer, Y Pandika – Floodplain Management Engineer, J Conran – Emergency Management Officer, D Green – Land Use Planning Manager, I Mcalpin – Chief Information Officer IM&T, S Milling – Transport for NSW, C San Gil – Community Representative, M Kulig and P Kulig - Community Representatives, J Groves - Community Representative, L Collins – Advisian, E Maratea – Rhelm, R Dorman – Administration Officer



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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 Blakey, Cr Brown, G Towers, A Aguiar, J Harvey, R Summers, B Fitzpatrick, T McClure, P Milevski and A Heaven.

1.4 Disclosures of Interests

Nil

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 April 2020 were accepted.

2 FLOOD MANAGEMENT UPDATE

2.1 Fairy and Cabbage Tree Creeks Flood Study 2020

The Fairy and Cabbage Tree Creeks Flood Study 2020 was placed on public exhibition from 6 April to 11 May 2020 and adopted by Council on 29 June 2020.

The committee noted the provided information and update.

2.2 Fairy and Cabbage Tree Creeks Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan Review

The consultant from Advisian provided a brief presentation to the committee. The consultant is currently updating the Flood Study in accordance with updated National Guidelines.

Once preferred options have been identified, consultation with the committee and wider community will be undertaken.

2.3 SMART Waterways Project

Ingrid Mcalpin, WCC Chief Information Officer IM&T, provided information and background regarding the SMART Waterways Project. Discussions are currently underway within Council to move forward with the project. Cr Dorahy expressed his support.

2.4 Allans Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan Review

The consultant from Rhelm provided a presentation to the committee and advised the Flood Study Review as part of the Flood Risk Management Study and Plan.

The draft information presented was part of the sensitivity analysis for ARR2019 updates. Design modelling is still to be carried out to determine model flood levels, including consideration of climate change.

Several items were raised regarding outcomes of the Plan and implementation of mitigation measures. Once preferred options have been identified, consultation with the committee and wider community will be undertaken.

2.5 Floodplain Management Grant Applications

The committee noted the following successful grants:

- Wollongong City Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan
- McMahon Street Basin Detailed Design

These will be progressed and updates will be provided at future committee meetings.

The outcome of the McMahon Street Basin project will result in assisting downstream properties.

2.6 Recent Floodplain Risk Management Plan Implementation

The committee noted the current works underway, which will proceed with further design.

Preferred options within the Study areas will be identified as part of the Floodplain Risk Management Plans and will be presented to the next Central Area Committee meeting, along with community engagement.

3 GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

3.2 Item

J Groves questioned riparian corridors – how are they determined/protected/maintained, is development allowed in the zone. D Green to provide a written response.

3.3 Item

The representative from Sydney Trains, Stuart Milling, acknowledged the work we did as a Council in addressing the challenges associated with the implementation of the new national guidelines (ARR2019) and asked if Council staff could meet with him to provide advice on this matter as we were seen as leaders in that field – meeting to be organised.

3.4 Item

Presentation on learnings from ARR2019 and floodplain process updates to be provided to committee.

4 NEXT MEETING

A date for the next meeting is yet to be determined.

5 CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 6:28pm.

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