



MINUTES

FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
(CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AREA)

at 4.00 pm

Thursday 16 September 2021

In Attendance

Councillor D Figliomeni – (Chair), Councillor J Dorahy, Councillor C Walters, A Monk – Transport for NSW, S Milling – Transport for NSW, N Pomfret – Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, R Whalan – SES, I Gheti – Transport and Stormwater Services Manager (Acting), O De Jong – Floodplain and Stormwater Unit Leader (Acting), R Piatek – Senior Stormwater and Floodplain Design Engineer (Acting), S Srbnovski – Senior Stormwater Development Engineer (Acting), Y Pandika – Floodplain Management Engineer, M Rahman – Floodplain Management Engineer, P Milevski – Civil Engineer Urban Drainage, D Green – Land Use Planning Manager, C San Gil – Community Representative, J Groves – Community Representative, H Sommerville – Rhelm, R Thomson – Rhelm, E Maratea – Rhelm, R Dorman – Administration Officer



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1 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1.1 Welcome

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 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 Declarations of Interest

Nil

1.4 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Robert Smith, Andrew Heaven, Alycia Clifford and Trish McClure.

Moved J Groves/ Seconded Councillor C Walters

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 25 February 2021

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 February 2021 were accepted.

Moved J Groves/Seconded I Ghetti

2 FLOOD MANAGEMENT UPDATE

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

Council is progressing the review of the Fairy and Cabbage Tree Creeks Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.

The consultant is currently addressing Council comments on the Draft Flood Study Report, while arranging floor level survey which will be used for assessing the consequences of flooding on the community.

This project also includes a continuation of the Flood Aware component of the SMART Waterways Project (see below).

The committee noted the provided information and update.

2.2 SMART Waterways Project

The Smart Waterways project is a partnership between the Illawarra and Shoalhaven Councils, University of Wollongong and Lendlease.

We are advancing the Flood Aware (Phase 2) with University of Wollongong.

The committee noted the provided information and update.

2.3 Allans Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan Review

The consultant (Rhelm) provided a presentation to the committee, advising the Flood Study Review and Property Survey are complete. It is now moving into the reporting and public exhibition stage, with the public exhibition anticipated for early 2022.

A copy of draft flood mapping was requested by A Monk for TfNSW's reference. I Ghetti agreed to provide, noting that the mapping has not yet been reviewed and finalised and cannot be distributed further prior to public exhibition.

2.4 Mullett Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan Review

The consultant (Rhelm) provided a presentation to the committee, advising the Flood Study update and Flood Damages review are complete. The option for identification and preliminary assessment will occur between October and December 2021.

2.5 Wollongong City Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan Review

P Milevski provided an update to the committee, advising the Review will be done in three phases towards completion of the Floodplain Risk Management Plan. Phase 1 (collecting data) has commenced.

2.6 Grant Applications

The committee noted the following grants, which are currently with the Department for Industry and Environment:

- Brooks Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan
- Minnegang Creek & Kully Bay Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan

2.7 Recent Floodplain Risk Management Plan Implementation

The committee noted the current works underway:

- Fairy & Cabbage Tree Creeks- McMahons Street Basin Detailed Design
- Allans Creek- Debris Control Structure at The Avenue – Detailed Design; Uralba Road overland flowpath – Concept design
- Brooks Creek- Byamee Street Debris Control Structure – Design underway
- Mullet Creek/West Dapto – implementation of the access strategy

3 GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

3.2 Item

J Groves questioned the adequacy of the stormwater pipes in William Street, Keiraville, and requested funding for their upgrade and for a detention basin in this area. I Ghetti provided a response advising Council is aware of this particular area in the Cabbage Tree Creek Catchment and that we are currently working with the consultant on the flood study and flood risk areas. Prioritising of works will follow this.

3.3 Item

Last meeting of current committee: I Ghetti advised that the meetings are usually called when we have something to report and that this committee will cease when the new Council is formed. Council is planning to create a survey to ask the committee members how they found the committee, recommendations for improvement and if they are

willing to continue to be part of the committee when the new Councillors are voted in. An email will be sent to committee members with a link to the survey questions.

3.4 Item

Councillors Figliomeni and Dorahy expressed their thanks to the committee members for the time they have dedicated, the feedback they have provided and the input that has been gathered.

4 NEXT MEETING

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

5 CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 5.20pm.