

MINUTES

FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
(NORTHERN AREA)

at 4.00 pm

Thursday 23 September 2021

In Attendance

Councillor M Cox (Chair), A Aguiar – SES Illawarra/South Coast Region, S Milling – Transport for NSW, R Laine – Environment NSW, D Green – Land Use Planning Manager, I Ghetti – Transport + Stormwater Services Manager (Acting), O De Jong – Floodplain + Stormwater Unit Leader (Acting), Ray Piatek – Senior Stormwater + Floodplain Design Engineer (Acting), Y Pandika – Floodplain Management Engineer, R Dinaro – Floodplain Management Engineer, A Clifford – Emergency Management Officer (Acting), E Askew – WMA Water, 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 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 Andrew Heaven, Nathan Pomfret, Robert Smith and Trish McClure.

1.4 Disclosures of Interests

Nil

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 18 February 2021

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 February 2021 were accepted.

Moved Stuart Milling/Seconded Raymond Laine

2 FLOOD MANAGEMENT UPDATE

2.1 Collins Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan Review

Council is progressing the review of the Collins Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan. This project is funded by Council and seeks to identify the flood risks and damages to this catchment and assess and prioritise floodplain risk mitigation options.

The consultant is currently progressing data collection and review.

The committee noted the provided information and update.

2.2 Hewitts Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan Review

Council has progressed the review of the Hewitts Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan. This project is funded by the NSW Flood Program and Council and seeks to identify the flood risks and damages to this catchment and assess and prioritise floodplain risk mitigation options.

Consultant has completed:

- Data collection and review
- Flood damages and floodplain risk management options assessment

The consultant from WMA Water provided a comprehensive presentation to the committee.

I Ghetti noted that the draft Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan report was nearing completion. Key outcomes are provided in the consultant's presentation, although mapping is undergoing final review. On this basis Council would like to place the draft report on public exhibition at the next available opportunity. No objections were noted from the committee.

2.3 Towradgi Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan Review

Council has progressed the review of the Towradgi Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan. This project is funded by the NSW Flood Program and Council and seeks to identify the flood risks and damages to this catchment and assess and prioritise floodplain risk mitigation options.

Consultant has completed:

- Data collection and review
- Flood damages and floodplain risk management options assessment

The consultant from WMA Water provided a comprehensive presentation to the committee.

I Ghatti noted that the draft Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan report was nearing completion. Key outcomes are provided in the consultant's presentation, although mapping is undergoing final review. On this basis Council would like to place the draft report on public exhibition at the next available opportunity. No objections were noted from the committee.

2.4 Recent Floodplain Risk Management Plan Implementation

Council has been carrying out works to implement the currently adopted Floodplain Risk Management Plans. This include projects that have been recently completed, are underway, or are planned.

Collins Creek

- Ursula Road Flood Mitigation Scheme, Bulli: The concept design is nearing completion with additional modelling being undertaken to look at the benefit of drainage immediately to the west of the school. Consultation with Sydney Trains continues for obtaining permission to undertake works on their land. Detailed design development planned to commence this calendar year.
- Bellambi Gully Flood Mitigation Scheme – Detailed design development nearing completion. Sydney Water is being consulted via our engaged Water Servicing Coordinator to obtain required approvals. Consultation with the school continues for obtaining permission to undertake works on their land.
- Debris Control Structures
 - Gordon Hutton Park – Final review being undertaken.
 - Memorial Drive – Sydney Water approval is underway.
 - Russell Vale Golf Course – Consultation with maintenance staff regarding access is progressing.
 - Brompton Road – The Design is being reviewed to address traffic consideration.

An update was provided to the committee on the Northern Area projects.

2.5 Floodplain Management Grant Applications

The committee noted the following submitted grant applications:

Construction of Bellambi Gully Flood Mitigation Scheme Stage 1
Construction of Russell Vale Golf Course Debris Control Structure

Council has been advised that funding from Resilience NSW has been approved for construction of Stages 1 and 2 of the Bellambi Gully Flood Mitigation Scheme, with details expected later this year.

An outcome on whether the grant application for construction of the Russell Vale Golf Course Debris Control Structure is successful is expected later this year.

3 GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

3.2 Item

Last meeting of current committee: I Ghatti 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.

I Ghetti to be contact person for questions in the meantime.

3.3 Item

Councillor Cox expressed thanks to the committee members for their hard work and presentations.

4 NEXT MEETING

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

5 CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 5.05pm