

**Attachment 1 - 20230125 - Minutes - Floodplain Risk Management Committee**



**Notice of Meeting**

**FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, 25 January 2023 at 10:00 AM  
Via Video Link

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**1. COMMENCING AT:**

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The Floodplain Risk Management Committee commenced at 1003 hours.

Brent Livermore was appointed Chairperson of the Committee - adopted at the next Council Meeting for endorsement.

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**2. PRESENT:**

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Cr Brent Livermore (Chairperson and Councillor Delegate)

Clr Trina Thomson (Councillor Delegate)

Craig Ronan - Coordinator Emergency Planning-Southern and Western Zone SES (via video link)

Steve Manwaring - Senior Natural Resource Officer (Floodplain Management) Department Planning & Environment

Erin Askew - Director/Consultant - WMA Water

Kajah Melhan - Engineer - WMA Water

Jon Gregory - District Manager Rural Fire Service - Community Representation

Nicholas Wilton - Manager Growth and Activation (SVC) - Project Sponsor

Mark Kirton - Co-ordinator Growth and Development (SVC) - Project Manager

Bradley Allen - Development Assessment Planner (SVC)

Andrew Vaz - Co-ordinator Road Survey and Design (SVC)

Linda Lewis - Executive Assistant Community & Corporate (SVC) - Minute Taker

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**3. PRESENT:**

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**4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:**

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An acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land was delivered by Councillor Livermore (Chairperson).

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**5. APOLOGIES:**

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Leanne Gregory - Unit Commander Tumut - NSW SES - Southern Zone

Marcus Wright - Department of Planning and Environment

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**6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

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Nil

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**7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

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Nil

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**8. BUSINESS ARISING:**

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Nil

**9. AGENDA ITEMS:**

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**9.1. FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MATTERS - 25 JANUARY 2023****FMC.01/23 RESOLVED:**

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Note and receive the report on Floodplain Risk Management Committee Matters

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**4.1 Floodplain Risk Management Committee Terms of Reference**

Terms of Reference were adopted by Council at their Ordinary Meeting of 15 September 2022 and were presented to the committee members.

Steve Manwaring (DPIE) made comments and advised of appropriate changes that should be made to the Terms of Reference ie:

- Title of the Committee should be Tumut Floodplain Risk Management Committee - not Snowy Valleys
- Amendment within the Terms of Reference to identify that voting rights should only be for Councillors and local community representatives on the committee. Council staff and external agencies are in attendance only in a technical/advisory capacity.

**FMC.02/23 RESOLVED:**

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Endorse the amendment of the Terms of Reference to adopt the Title of the Committee to 'Tumut Floodplain Risk Management Committee'.
2. Endorse the amendment of the Terms of Reference to identify that voting rights should only be for Councillors and local community representatives on the Committee'.
3. Prepare a report to Council with the recommendations to change the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Terms of Reference as per Items 1 and 2.

Moved: Jon Gregory Seconded: Clr Trina Thomson

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

Introductions by each representative at the Committee took place.

Mark Kirton has carried out some high level discussions with community representatives to join the committee.

Discussions were held on community representatives who may be interested in participating ie; Proprietor of Riverglade Caravan Park.

Council report to be prepared to submit names for community representatives.

WMA consultant has been successful in the tender

Early stage consultation, information piece to the community, this can be an opportunity to attract community members.

If no community members on the committee, the study will be a public document available for review at that stage and comment.

#### 4.2 Flood Risk Management Committee Handbook

The document was discussed and it will be a good reference point for Committee members to utilise throughout the study.

#### 4.3 Tumut Flood Study - Draft Technical Project Brief

Discussions included:

- Jounama Creek was not mentioned within the brief and should be a considered.
- Highlight to the community that Snowy Hydro are not responsible or contributing to the flooding experienced to alleviate public perception that they are one of the major causes of flooding.
- David Hogan to contribute to discussions to provide knowledge and understanding to the community the operational effects of Talbingo, Jounama and Blowering Dams
- David Hogan, formerly of Snowy Hydro, to be invited to become a part of the Committee from a technical standpoint/advisor.

#### 4.4 Floodplain Risk Management Process

Steve Manwaring addressed the Committee re the guidelines and purpose of the Floodplain Risk Management Process

- to address and develop a tool to assess flood risk and mitigation.
- the Flood Study and Management Plan are carried out concurrently.
- preparation of a model to create a suite of structural, planning and response measures for flood mitigation.
- the process will also provide a list of options and a strategy to move forward with.
- upon implementation of the plan and a major flood does occur, then there is a feedback loop built in, providing the ability to go back to constantly review the plan and adjust/plan accordingly
- the stages within the process have capacity to be grant funded
- opportunities for grant funding can be applied for in relation to recommendations within the plan ie; levees and retention basins

#### 4.5 Tumut Flood Study - Scope of Works

WMA Water - provided an overview of WMA contribution to the plan

- understanding of the flood risks, informing the community, development pressures - tools that can be used to manage - development controls re flooding controls - driver for the study and recent events
- identifying strategies and solutions - flood risks identified within the study area
- 1987 existing flood study - new one up to date with technology - mapping of inundation visually useful to communicate to the community
- Focussing on larger flood events, not stormwater study
- Establish model, tool for flood behaviour Flood Development, National Guideline consistent with best practice, compatible with future climate and development scenarios

#### 4.6 Nomination of Dates for 2023 Meetings

Nominations of dates for further meetings were not discussed at this time. It was agreed that it would be more effective to nominate further meeting dates to match timelines, outcomes and reporting from WMA. Hence discussion with Erin Askew, WMA and Kajal Melhan, WMA, are required at a later date to determine these dates going forward. It was suggested that the next potential date would be April 2023, however further communication with WMA will take place prior to a meeting date being set.

### **10. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

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Nil

### **11. NEXT MEETING:**

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There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 11.14 am.

The next meeting will be held to synchronise with WMA timelines, data and findings.