

MINUTES

Floodplain Risk Management Committee

Thursday, 01 August 2024

11:00 AM

Dragon Room

Georges River Council Civic Centre

Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT - COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Nick Smerdely (Chairperson)
Mr David Grasby (Sydney Water, Senior Planner) - Online
Ms Angela Halcrow (DCCEEW, Senior Natural Resource Officer) - Online
Mr Sadeq Zaman (DCCEEW, Manager, Regional Water Strategies) - Online
Mr Peter Cinque (SES, Senior Manager Emergency Risk Management)
Mr Nicholas Sharpe (SES, Planning and Research Officer) - Online
Mr Erin Sellers (Community Representative) - Online
Mr Tom Heath (GRC, Acting Director Assets and Infrastructure)
Mr James Magee (GRC, Acting Manager Strategic Placemaking)
Ms Stephanie Lum (GRC, Acting Manager Strategic Planning) - Online
Mr Pulak Saha (GRC, Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)
Ms Priyani Jayaweera (GRC, Principal Development Engineer)
Mr Rabi Pokharel (GRC, Stormwater Assets Officer)
Mr Firoz Ahmed (GRC, Senior Development Engineer)

PRESENT – NON COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr Aaron Biffin (Strategic Floodplain Engineer, Bayside Council) - Online
Mr Seenithamby Paramanandarajah (GRC, Coordinator Asset Management)
Mr Joshua Eggleton (KBR)

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF

Ms Nickie Paraskevopoulos (Executive Services Officer)
Ms Jennifer Anderson (Acting Executive Services Officer)
Ms Stephanie Liu (Personal Assistant to Manager Strategic Placemaking – Minutes)
Ms Caroline Klamus (Personal Assistant to Manager City Technical Services)
Mr Lee Fermor (IMT Services – Technical)

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Quorum for this meeting requires three voting members to be present.

OPENING

The Chair, Councillor Smerdely opened the meeting at 11:06 am.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair, Councillor Smerdely, acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. I pay my respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work and meet on these lands.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Ms Shelly Stingmore (SES, Coordinator Planning Strategic Risk Metro Zone)

Motion: Member Zaman - OEH Floodplain Engineer, Member Sharp - SES Planning and Research Officer

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Chair Smerdely, Member Sharpe - SES Planning and Research Officer, Member Sellers - Community Representative, Member Halcrow - OEH Senior Natural Resource Officer, Member Zaman - OEH Floodplain Engineer

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NOTICE OF RECORDING OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Members are reminded that this meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes only.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

FRMCC005-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2024
(Report by PA to Manager Strategic Placemaking)

RECOMMENDATION: Member Zaman, Member Sharpe

That the Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2024, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Chair Smerdely, Member Sharpe - SES Planning and Research Officer, Member Sellers - Community Representative, Member Halcrow - OEH Senior Natural Resource Officer, Member Zaman - OEH Floodplain Engineer

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

FRMCC006-24 Update on Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Flood Study

(Report by Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)

RECOMMENDATION: Member Sellers, Member Zaman

(a) That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee receive and note the verbal presentation from Kellogg Brown & Root Pty Ltd on the current progress of the Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Ward Flood Study.

(b) That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee receive and note the attached Stage 1 Report and Stage 2 Report prepared by Kellogg Brown & Root Pty Ltd for the Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Ward Flood Study.

Questions With No Notice were put to the Committee:

“Section 2.1 and 2.3: As part of their model calibration and validation, and a sanity check, did KBR compare their model results with the results from the previous studies listed, notwithstanding some of the earlier models would have used pre-2019 AR&R procedures and IFD data?”

“Section 2.6: Suggest KBR may want to consider the tailwater levels reported in BMT's Georges River Tidal Inundation Study 2018, Bewsher Consulting's Georges River FRMS&P 2004 and GHD's sea level rise study done for Sutherland Shire Council around 2011. From memory, the 1% AEP level for the lower Georges River reported in these studies was 1.5 mAHD c.f. 1.7 mAHD adopted in KBR's Table 2-7. It probably will not make a big difference to flood extents given the relatively steep foreshore topography.”

“Section 2.10: Why are cross sections of the Georges River being reported here if tailwater levels are being adopted?”

Response:

Council's consultant, KBR, will review the raised matters and will provide a response at the next Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Chair Smerdely, Member Sharpe - SES Planning and Research Officer, Member Sellers - Community Representative, Member Halcrow - OEH Senior Natural Resource Officer, Member Zaman - OEH Floodplain Engineer

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Question With No Notice was put to the Committee on 20 February 2024 by the community representative: “Did you consult with the sporting and recreation groups in the catchment to gather historical flood information?”

Current Response from staff:

On 26 February 2024, Council’s staff invited sporting and community groups that utilise various Council facilities to participate in the consultation. However, no flooding-related information was received from these user groups.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 11:37 am.

Chairperson

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