

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Clause 6.8 of the Charter that a Special Meeting of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority has been called for:

DATE: **Monday 12 November 2018**

TIME: **2 pm**

PLACE: **43 High St, Gawler East,
Town of Gawler**

The purpose of this Special Meeting is to consider application to the Australian Government's Building Better Regions (BBR) Fund- Infrastructure Projects Stream, for funding of \$10 Million for the Northern Floodway Project.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Agenda for the meeting.



David Hitchcock
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

S P E C I A L M E E T I N G A G E N D A

Committee **Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority**
To Be Held **2pm Monday 12 November 2018**
Location **43 High St, Gawler East,
 Town of Gawler**

1. WELCOME

To Board Members and Deputy Board Members present.

2. PRESENT

Please sign the Attendance Register.

3. APOLOGIES

4. APPOINTMENT OF OBSERVERS

5. NORTHERN FLOODWAY PROJECT

Consideration by the Board to determine the merits or otherwise of the GRFMA submitting application to the Australian Government's Building Better Regions (BBR) Fund - Infrastructure Projects Stream, for funding of \$10 Million for the Northern Floodway Project.

6. CLOSURE

Special Meeting Report

Committee **Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority**

Meeting Held **Monday 12 November 2018**

Report Name **5. Northern Floodway Project.**

RECOMMENDATION

That the GRFMA:

- 1. Receive a verbal update on recent progress in sourcing Federal and State government funding for capital works associated with the Northern Floodway Project, estimated at a value of \$27 million; and following**
- 2. Consider the merits or otherwise of the GRFMA submitting application to the Australian Government's Building Better Regions (BBR) Fund - Infrastructure Projects Stream, for funding of \$10 Million for the Northern Floodway Project.**

On Wednesday 7 November 2018 Mr. Ian Baldwin, Chairperson GRFMA received a telephone call from the Office of The Hon David Speirs, Minister for Environment advising that should the GRFMA make application to the abovementioned Fund and be successful in obtaining the maximum grant, that the State Government would commit to contributing \$13.5M to the Project in support. The State contribution being subject to the Storm Water Management Authorities authorisation.

This would realise a total of \$23.5 Million external funding for the Northern Floodway Project leaving the GRFMA to raise the remaining \$3.5M from its constituent councils or other partners e.g., prospective developers.

Board Members will be well aware the intent of the current GRFMA resolution requires the capital cost of the Northern Floodway Project be shared by the State and Federal Government with the GRFMA meeting recurrent costs for maintenance of the floodway (refer GRFMA resolution GRB 18/50 below).

The proposal from Minister Speirs' Office is significant and warrants further consideration.

Following discussions with the Ministers Office conversations were also held with the Executive Officer Storm Water Management Authority and management within the Walker Corporation as an interested party regarding large scale developments in the lower Gawler River.

The Northern Floodway Project provides significant benefits to the region while balancing cost, environmental and social consequences.

Benefits include:

- Flood protection for 211 properties that were flooded in 2016. Reduced flooding to a further 10 properties.
- Reduced flood damage in the high-value horticultural lands within the Virginia Growth Precinct.
- No flooding of Port Wakefield Road, which is a critical transport route.
- Reduced flooding to local access and emergency evacuation routes, such as Angle Vale Road.
- Improved biodiversity within Gawler River through selected vegetation removal and replanting with native species and regular maintenance.

Applications for the Building Better Regions Fund - Infrastructure Projects Stream close COB, 15 November 2018 (next Thursday).

Should the GRFMA decide to proceed with application for funding, urgent attention/assistance would be required to prepare and lodge the application by the closing date and time.

GRB 18/50 Northern Floodway Project – Funding Support

That the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority write to the relevant Federal and State government Senators and Ministers requesting formal funding support to carry out all further planning, consultation, detailed design and capital works associated with the Northern Floodway Project, estimated at a value of \$27 million; the funding model to account for the fact that the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority constituent councils will take on the subsequent maintenance of the Floodway. This policy position has been formally ratified by all constituent councils.