

# Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

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## Key Outcomes Summary

### GRFMA Board Meeting 24/8/17

#### Long-term natural hazard risk.

Representatives from the School of Civil, Environmental & Mining Engineering, The University of Adelaide – in conjunction with the Research Institute for Knowledge Systems, provided a presentation on UNHaRMED, a software application for the understanding and mitigation of long-term natural hazard risk.

UNHaRMED is designed to explore how to manage risk into the future in an integrated and dynamic approach considering different drivers and options impacting on future risk. Hazards included in the application of UNHaRMED to Greater Adelaide are earthquake, bushfire, coastal inundation and riverine flood.

The tool may have considerable potential to assist the GRFMA develop a “landscape master plan” for the future of the catchment area at the infrastructure, environmental and socio-economic level.

The GRFMA resolved to progress further discussions with the University of Adelaide and Research Institute for Knowledge Systems regarding UNHaRMED; subject to identification of relevant input costs, ongoing software operation requirements and comparison /suitability of other like market software applications that might otherwise be applicable.

#### Financial Statements and Annual Report

The GRMA received and adopted

- the audited Financial Statements for the year 2016 – 2017
- the Schedule of Constituent Council’s Interest in Net Assets as at the 30 June 2017; and
- the GRFMA Annual Report 2016 – 2017

#### Northern Floodway’s

That GRFMA received an update on the Northern Floodway’s funding proposal and draft Strategic Pathway Action Plan (work program) as provided by the Focus Group and GRFMA Technical Assessment Panel.

The update noted the GRFMA has engaged with Ian Hunter MLC, Minister for Sustainability Environment and Conservation, Minister for Water and River Murray and Senator the Hon Anne Ruston, Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water.

Minister Hunter has advised that the State Government is supportive of a conditional funding contribution to the \$27 Million flood mitigation recommendations of the Gawler River 2016 Flood Review.

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Senator Ruston's office (Chief of Staff) has advised that the Senator is well aware of the matter and has also briefed the Office of the Prime Minister.

Senator Ruston's office has further advised that as stormwater / flooding is considered a "State" responsibility the proposal requires submission from the State Government before it will receive any consideration by the Federal Government.

Minister Hunter's office has since progressed correspondence for the State/ GRFMA Northern Floodways funding request to the Prime Minister.

It was also noted that further work on the Northern Floodways Action (works program) Plan will be required as matters progress to get to a suitable point where a pre-project funding program might be established.

## **In Confidence**

The GRFMA considered agenda item 8.1 relating to Land Acquisition in confidence under Section 90(2).

## **Register of Confidential Items**

The GRFMA received and adopted the annual review of the Register of Confidential Items and the period of confidentiality for the identified items.

## **Adelaide Plains Council motion to withdraw from the GRFMA**

Mr J Miller CEO Adelaide Plains Council provided a Council report on the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Membership review- Status update. It was noted that the GRFMA Chair and Executive Officer had attended a meeting of the Adelaide Plains Council to present on the current and future operations of the GRFMA.

## **Other Business**

The Chair noted it would be opportune to start the consideration process for a GRFMA Charter review and foreshadowed presentation of an agenda report at the next meeting outlining possible terms of reference for a review.

The Chair thanked Anne Picard, previous GRFMA Board member and previous Adelaide Plains Council member for her nearly 12 years' service contribution.

The next Ordinary Board Meeting will be held 9.45 am, Thursday 19 October 2017, Adelaide Plains Council, Mallala