

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

Adelaide Hills Council, Adelaide Plains Council, The Barossa Council,
Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, City of Playford

KEY OUTCOMES SUMMARY

GRFMA Special Board Meeting 5/10/17

2016 Gawler River Flood Review Project Report.

The Board received the final copy of the 2016 Gawler River Flood Review Project Report and the separate Hydrology Report and resolved the publications be provided to constituent councils for their comment and support. The reports are public documents.

The Executive Officer was also requested to make inquiries to ascertain how much it might cost to undertake the further work indicated at page 21 and 22 of the 2016 Gawler River Flood Plain Review Project Report, including provision of estimated ongoing costs.

Northern Floodways funding.

The Board received a report outlining recent activities by the GRFMA Chair and Executive Officer in seeking funding outcomes for the Northern Floodways flood mitigation infrastructure proposal.

The meeting noted the in-principle support by Senator Anne Ruston, Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources for the proposal for funding and requested the GRFMA Chair to write to Senator Ruston and the Hon Ian Hunter Minister for Water and the River Murray to confirm their respective governments formal position regarding providing funding support and all constituent councils being on board (in relation to any consequences of Adelaide Plains Council withdrawing from GRFMA).

The Chair was also requested to confirm with Senator Ruston, her comments regarding capital versus recurrent costs.

Senator Ruston has advised that her approach for Commonwealth Government funding would request that the State and Commonwealth Governments each cover 50% of the projects capital costs as a minimum and further, that the GRFMA should consider a revised funding proposal including (for example) a 15-year projection of prospective flood mitigation works and total recurrent costs to potentially gain support for a higher level of government funding.

GRFMA Charter Review.

The meeting unanimously resolved to initiate processes to progress review of the GRFMA Charter and Governance framework.

The Hon Geoff Brock Minister for Local Government is to be consulted regarding the review and the Executive Officer was requested to provide a report to the 19/10/17 GRFMA meeting outlining considered approaches to assist determining scope of review, review mechanisms and financial resources required.

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Long-term natural hazard risk. UNHaRMED

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 facilitate a workshop with the University of Adelaide and relevant constituent Council staff (planning and engineering) on UNHaRMED to enable consideration and recommendation of the preferred pathway for GRFMA (and Council) participation and utilisation of the program.

Proposed Land Division (non-complying)

The Board considered a request by Regional Planning Directions for a letter of support for a proposed land division in the Port Gawler Road, Old Port Wakefield Road, Two Wells locality.

The proposed division relates to land upon which flood mitigation infrastructure (Northern Floodways) is proposed to be located.

The Board resolved to not provide a letter of support at this time on the basis that the formal planning assessment process will include the opportunity and process for the GRFMA to provide comments on the proposed land division.

Adelaide Plains Council withdrawal from GRFMA

The Adelaide Plains Council has formally advised the GRFMA of the Council's decision to withdraw from the GRFMA. The Council will now write to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Geoff Brock, requesting his consent to withdraw from the GRFMA regional subsidiary.

The Adelaide Plains Council also separately sought clarification from the GRFMA on matters relating to the Northern Floodway proposal which were tabled at the 19 October 2017 Meeting of the GRFMA.

The Board resolved that consideration of the matters raised by the Adelaide Plains Council, in relation to the Northern Floodways, be deferred until such time as the process of the Charter review by the GRFMA is determined; and formal application by the Adelaide Plains Council to withdraw from GRFMA has been determined by the Minister for Local Government.

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GRFMA Charter Review

That GRFMA received the report as requested at the 5/10/19 Special meeting setting out a process for determining the scope of the GRFMA Charter Review, review mechanisms and financial resources required.

The meeting noted the pending decision process by the Minister for Local Government in relation to the Adelaide Plains Council's application for withdrawal from the GRFMA and determined that the advancement of the Charter Review for the GRFMA be deferred until the 14 December 2017 meeting of the GRFMA.

The Executive Officer was also requested to make inquiries with the LGA Mutual Liability Scheme on any relevant risk issues that might need to be considered should the GRFMA not proceed with recommended flood mitigation initiatives provided in the Final Gawler River 2016 Flood Review Project report.

GRFMA Financial Report

The financial report as at 30 September 2017 showing a balance of total funds available of \$168,866.67 was received.

Media

Following conduct of meeting business, the Chair Mr Ian Baldwin noted the media article, "*The Bunyip, October 18th 2017, Ratepayers back APC flood stance*" and expressed disappointment that the article in his view did not fairly represent the discussion undertaken at the Special Meeting held on 5 October 2017, noting particularly that all GRFMA members had engaged in open discussion and support for a GRFMA Charter review. The Chair further advising that he would discuss this matter with the Bunyip Newspaper journalist responsible for the article and seek a balance of opinion in future press releases.