

**Inner West Council  
Flood Management Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017  
Petersham Service Centre**

Meeting commenced 6:30pm

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| <b>1. Present</b> |
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**Voting Members**

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| Chair                    | Alex Lofts       |
| Deputy Chair             | Frank Breen      |
| State Emergency Service  | Alexander Bailey |
| State Emergency Service  | Michael Carney   |
| Community Representative | Lois Gray        |
| Community Representative | Shad Wall        |

**Non-voting Technical Advisory Members**

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| Office of Environment & Heritage | Gus Pelosi         |
| Sydney Water                     | David Grasby       |
| Inner West Council               | Wal Petschler      |
| Inner West Council               | Ryan Hawken        |
| Inner West Council               | David Paton        |
| Inner West Council               | Christine Phillips |

**Visitors and Observers**

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| State Emergency Service | Robert Baker |
| WMA Water               | Steve Gray   |
| WMA Water               | Erika Taylor |

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| <b>2. Apologies</b> |
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| Community Representative | Tim Harnett      |
| Inner West Council       | Tony Guinta      |
| Inner West Council       | Peter O'Sullivan |
| State Emergency Service  | Denise Tolhurst  |

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| <b>3. Terms of Reference</b> |
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Council outlined the Committee with the Terms of Reference. The Committee is advisory in nature and any recommendations are not binding on Council. The Committee currently has eight voting members and a quorum of 50% of current voting members.

Council received a request for terms of reference and a list of the current membership of the committee to be distributed with the minutes.

#### **4. Disclosures of Interest**

Nil declared

#### **5. Confirmation of Minutes**

Council presented the minutes of the previous Marrickville and Leichhardt Flood Risk Management Advisory Committee's.

It was noted that there was an outstanding Question on Notice from the previous Leichhardt Flood Risk Management Advisory Committee minutes relating to options developed during the Leichhardt Flood Risk Management Study. Committee agreed to address this question in detail at a future Committee meeting dealing with the Leichhardt Flood Risk Management Study and Plan, anticipated to be around May 2017.

Council received a request for the minutes of the previous Ashfield Flood Risk Management Advisory Committee to be distributed with the minutes.

#### **Committee Recommendation:**

**THAT** the minutes of the previous Flood Risk Management Advisory Committee's be noted.

**For Motion:** Unanimous.

#### **6. Reports**

**ITEM 1: Alexandra Canal Draft Flood Study and**

**ITEM 2: Johnstons Creek Draft Flood Study**

Council's consultants presented to the committee with an update of the Alexandra Canal and Johnstons Creek Flood Studies, including details of the method used, the results and resulting flood affected properties.

It was noted that the format and language the information is presented both in letters and at meetings is important. The Committee reinforced the preference and past success of one-on-one sessions with flood affected residents and of well written letters explaining the process and reasoning. Ashfield has a template letter which could be used as the basis of notification letters for Alexandra and Johnstons.

The Committee gave a vote of thanks for WMA water for their attendance and presentation.

#### **Committee Recommendation:**

**THAT** Council staff review and refine flood affected properties and make minor amendments prior to going to Council for endorsement; and

Council endorses the Alexandra Canal and Johnstons Creek Draft Flood Study for public exhibition and writes to properties identified as flood affected informing them of the exhibition; and

Comments of the committee inform the community consultation process including one-on-one sessions with residents.

**For Motion:** Unanimous.

**ITEM 3: Marrickville Valley Flood Risk Management Study and Plan**

Council presented the Committee with an update of the status of the Marrickville Valley Flood Risk Management Study and Plan. The Marrickville Valley Flood Risk Management Study and Plan will be discussed in detail at a future Committee meeting.

**THAT** the update be noted.

**For Motion:** Unanimous.

**ITEM 4: Hawthorne and Dobroyd Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan**

Council presented the Committee with an update of the status of the Hawthorne and Dobroyd Canal Study and Plan. The Hawthorne and Dobroyd Canal Flood Risk Management Study and Plan will be discussed in detail at a future Committee meeting.

**THAT** the update be noted.

**For Motion:** Unanimous.

**ITEM 5: Leichhardt Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and**

**ITEM 6: Leichhardt Flood Mapping Tool**

Council presented the Committee with an update of the status of the Leichhardt Flood Risk Management Study and Plan. The Leichhardt Flood Risk Management Study and Plan will be discussed in detail at a future Committee meeting.

Council presented the Committee with the Flood Mapping Tool which has been developed as part of the Leichhardt Flood Risk Management Study and Plan.

**THAT** the update be noted.

**For Motion:** Unanimous.

**ITEM 7: Westconnex and Sydney Metro Flood Impacts in St Peters**

Council presented the Committee with an update of ongoing discussions relating to flooding in St Peters and the impacts of Westconnex and Sydney Metro.

**THAT** the update be noted; and

Council's Administrator be requested to write to the NSW Planning, Roads and Transport ministers requesting an integrated approach to flood management for the area by Sydney Motorway Corporation and Sydney Metro; and

Council's Administrator be requested to write to Local State members Jo Haylen and Ron Hoenig explaining the issue and to seek their support to lobby for an integrated approach by the relevant authorities.

**For Motion:** Unanimous.

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| <b>6. General Business</b> |
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Meeting closed 8:30pm