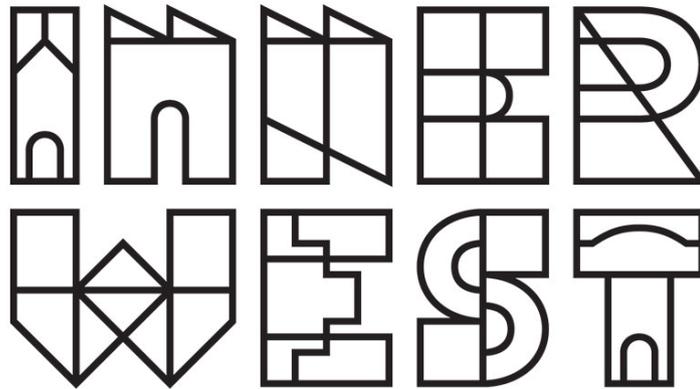


# AGENDA

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## **FLOOD MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2026**

**3:30 PM**

## **AGENDA**

- 1 Acknowledgement of Country**
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**Minutes of the Flood Risk Management Advisory Committee Meeting 26 November 2025**

<b>Date / Time</b>	26 November 2025 - 2:00 PM		
<b>Venue</b>	Microsoft Teams		
<b>Chairperson</b>	Councillor Mat Howard		
<b>Voting Attendees</b>	Clr Mat Howard	Michael Carney (SES)	Pilar Lorenzo
	David Chick	Matthew Murphy	Tim Harnett
	Emily McGrath	Bowen Hicks	
<b>Non - Voting Technical Advisory Attendees</b>	Peter Shields (IWC)	David Paton (IWC)	Rafaah Georges (IWC)
	James Ogg (IWC)		
<b>Observers</b>	Tiffanie Ong (IWC)	Jason L'Ecuyer (Cooks River Alliance)	Robert Baker
	Andrew Jones	David Grasby (Sydney Water)	
<b>Apologies</b>	Clr Andrew Blake	Andrew Thomas (Cooks River Alliance)	Simon Myall
	Jaan Ranniko		

**2. Acknowledgement Of Country – Clr Howard**

*I acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora Nation and pay my respects to the elders past and present and I extend that respect and acknowledgement to any Aboriginal people who are here with us today.*

**3. Disclosures of Interest**

Nil.

**4. Confirmation of Minutes of August 27,2025 Flood Management Advisory Committee**

Confirmed by Pilar seconded by Tim Harnett

**5. Staff Reports**

**5.1- FMACC0225 (i) Item 1 Outstanding Actions Register**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Status</b>
FMAC 29/2/24	5.2	That Council develop communications regarding flooding and relevant services in the local area including the SES that can be made available through customer service centres, libraries and be made available to local real estate or rental agencies for new residents to the local community	Council's existing web page for emergency information has been updated to include information links to support services like SES and Red Cross. Emergencies - Be prepared - Inner West Council.  Local warnings are shared through social media	Closed No further action.

FMAC 29/2/24	5.4	That in the development of the Flood Information Hub, Council work to make emergency information for accessible and visible, that Council investigates the reporting of local road closure information.	Planned road closures are currently reported to state agencies and digital mapping services via the NSW Government OneRoad portal.	Closed No further action.
Ordinary Council 12/11/24 C1124(i)	26.6	That Council provide for members of the public to present to the Flood Risk and Management Committee on flood related matters by establishing a public forum, as is the case with the Inner West Council Traffic Committee.	Report presented at the 26 November 2025 FMAC meeting.	Closed No further action.
Ordinary Council 20/05/25 C0525(1)	19.3	That Council identify grant funding options available, and preparatory work that would be needed to apply for such grants, to fund these upgrades.	Report provided to the September meeting of Council	Closed No further action.
Ordinary Council 20/05/25 C0525(1)	19.4	That Council report the outcomes of these engagements to Council in August 2025.	Report provided to the September meeting of Council	Closed No further action.
FMAC 27/08/25	7	That the committee be presented with a report at the next meeting about flooding concerns in Hill Street, Marrickville.	Report presented at the 26 November 2025 FMAC meeting.	Closed No further action.
FMAC 27/08/25	7	That the committee be presented with a report at the next meeting about flooding concerns in Osgood Avenue, Marrickville.	Report presented at the 26 November 2025 FMAC meeting.	Closed No further action.

**OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Flood Management Advisory Committee receive and note the report

**DISCUSSION**

The Hill Street, Marrickville report indicated significant silt deposited in the pipes draining the area, which has now been cleaned out over a period of a week. The report also notes tidal impacts that affect the area as well, and dependant on when storms hit there is still a possibility of this issue occurring at the location.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That Flood Management Advisory Committee receive and note the report

Michael Carney moves the item, seconded by Tim Harnett.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

<b>FMACC0825(1) Item 2: Public Forum to the Flood Management Advisory Committee</b>
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**SUMMARY**

The Flood Management Advisory Committee Terms of Reference has been amended to include a clause providing for and governing the procedure of a Public Forum prior to the consideration of reports being presented to the Committee.

## OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Flood Management Advisory Committee receive and note the report.

## DISCUSSION

Clause 7.4 Public Participation clause has been added to the Flood Management Advisory Terms of Reference following the August meeting. The structure of the clause and terms within it have been built from the local traffic forum clauses and code of meeting practise.

Clr Howard raised query if the terms of reference that have been drafted preclude people from speaking on any matters other than a flood study or flood mitigation matter. James advised it is for focus on flood study and implementation of flood risk management plan and aims to keep focus on matters on the agenda. Matthew Murphy suggests for change of wording to the effect of 'to matters relating to the business of the committee as would be determined by the chair' or to speak specifically to agenda items. Clr Howard notes the terms of reference can be amended after a period if needed to open it up more. Matthew Murphy raised concerns that committee members seeking to raise matters relating to the agenda would require the agenda to be released earlier than was released for the current meeting. Clr Howard confirmed standard practise is for agenda and report to be released seven days beforehand and published online for public viewing.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Flood Management Advisory Committee receive and note the report, subject to further amendments noting that a member of the public can request to speak to any agenda item.

Clr Howard moves the item, seconded by Matthew Murphy.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

## FMACC0525(1) Item 3 ; South Marrickville Flood Study

## SUMMARY

Inner West Council has completed overland flow flood studies for 8 of its 9 primary catchments. Marrickville South, covering the areas of Dulwich Hill and Marrickville draining to the Cooks River, is the only area within the Inner West LGA that does not yet have a contemporary Flood Study or Flood Risk Management Plan. Council has secured two-thirds grant funding from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to support the delivery of a contemporary Overland Flow Flood Study for this area. Following a request for quotation, Council has engaged specialist flood consultants, Stantec, to undertake the project. The proposed timeline outlines key milestones for each stage of the Flood Study, including significant hold points where the Flood Advisory Committee will be invited to review and endorse draft proposals. These milestones will inform the scheduling of key Flood Management Advisory Committee meetings in 2026.

## OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Flood Management Advisory Committee receive and note the report.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Flood Management Advisory Committee receive and note the report.

Tim Harnett moves the item, seconded by Emily McGrath.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**FMACC0825(1) Item 4 ; Review of Flooding on Illawarra Road**

**SUMMARY**

This report outlines the results of Council's investigations of reported flooding on Illawarra Road in the vicinity of Hill Street and Thornley Street Marrickville, following a request from the SES Area Commander at the August meeting of the Flood Management Advisory Committee.

**OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Flood Management Advisory Committee receive and note the report.

**DISCUSSION**

As part of Councils investigations, a contractor was engaged to undertake CCTV and cleaning around this vicinity. Substantial silting had blocked many of the pipelines, which have now been cleared.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Michael Carney moves item, seconded by Matthew Murphy.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**FMACC0825(1) Item 5 ; Review of Flooding on Osgood Ave**

**SUMMARY**

This report outlines the results of Council's investigations of reported flooding in Osgood Avenue near Ewart Street, following a request from the Committee Chair at the August meeting of the Flood Management Advisory Committee.

**OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Flood Management Advisory Committee receive and note the report.

**DISCUSSION**

Councillor Howard raised resident concerns of stormwater collecting and sitting in the gutters. James notes that there is no existing pipe drainage within the street, however the kerb and gutter is designed to convey stormwater to the point where the piped drainage at the intersection can receive it. The South Marrickville Flood Study is being undertaken in 2026, which will provide greater clarity and certainty on the likely volume of stormwater flows in the street, however at this time there is nothing to support more work than the extension in Ewart Street.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That Flood Management Advisory Committee receive and note the report.

Clr Howard moves item, seconded by Pilar Lorenzo

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**7. General Business**

Pilar Lorenzo raised concerns regarding drainage caused by leaf litter blockage in Osgood Street and Arthur Street. James advised of the monthly street sweeping cycle that is carried out however scheduled of cleaning is not guaranteed prior to an anticipated storm. A hot spot list of low points has also been developed which is monitored by Council's outdoor crew. Council has a cyclic and responsive maintenance to be as proactive to the circumstances.

**Meeting Closed 2:49pm**

**Item No:** FMACC0326(1) Item 1  
**Subject:** FLOOD MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT  
**Prepared By:** Rafaah Georges - Project Engineer - Stormwater & Emergency Planning  
**Authorised By:** Peter Shields - Director Engineering

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Flood Management Advisory Committee endorse the amended Terms of Reference.**

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council’s Community Strategic Plan:

- 2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport
- 5: Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In November 2025 the Flood Management Advisory Committee resolved to have the Committee terms of reference further amended to enable members of the public to address the Committee on any agenda item.

The terms of reference have been further amended to incorporate arrangements that detail how members of the public may speak to an agenda item at the start of any Flood Management Advisory Committee meeting.

This report recommends that the Flood Management Advisory Committee endorse changes to the Committee Terms of Reference.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Flood Management Advisory Committee Meeting held on 26 November 2025, the Committee resolved the following:

*That Flood Management Advisory Committee receive and note the report, subject to further amendments noting that a member of the public can request to speak to any agenda item.*

This report provides a summary of considerations and actions taken responding to the above resolution.

**DISCUSSION**

The revised version of the Flood Management Advisory Committee Terms of Reference presented to the meeting on 26 November 2025 included a new section Section 7.4 *Public Participation*. This was inserted into the Terms of Reference to facilitate members of the public to present to the Committee on flood related matters.

Following the resolution of the Committee on 26 November 2025, a revised version of the Terms of Reference is attached as Appendix A, including amendments to Section 7.4 to simplify the wording, by reducing limitations and allowing members of the public to speak on any agenda item.

The amended wording for **Section 7.4** is as follows.

*A time will be made available at the start of each meeting for the purpose of hearing oral submissions from members of the public on any agenda item to be considered at the meeting.*

*To speak to an item at the Committee Meeting, a person must first make a request in writing to the Committee Facilitator by 5pm on the day prior to the meeting identifying the item of business that they wish to speak on, and whether they wish to speak 'for' or 'against' the item.*

*The Committee Facilitator in conjunction with the Chair will determine the number and order of those to speak to the Committee in accordance with the principles of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. Each speaker will be allowed 3 minutes to address the Committee and must keep their comments succinct and relevant to matter being considered and not include any inappropriate material, including defamatory content.*

*The Committee is advisory in nature and does not have or exercise any formal powers of Council, and any resulting actions ultimately require the approval of Council. The Chair must make it clear to the public forum that the Council is still required to accept the recommendation of the Flood Management Advisory Committee.*

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the proposed recommendations outlined in the report.

**ATTACHMENTS**

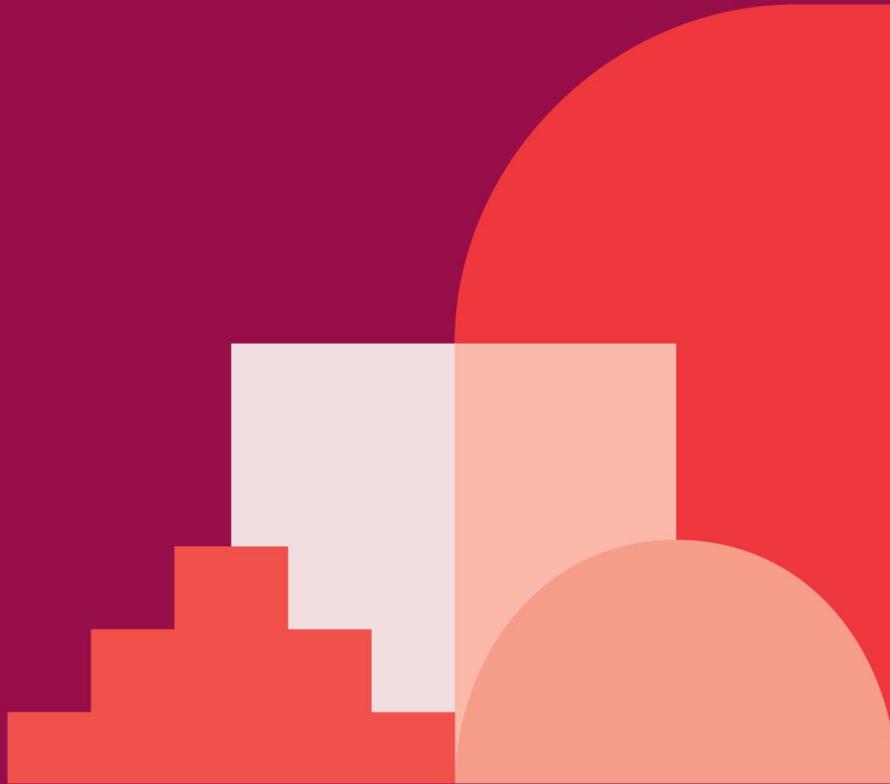
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# Flood Management Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

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## 1 Introduction

Inner West Council (Council) established the Flood Management Advisory Committee ('Committee' or 'FMAC') on 23 August 2016 in accordance with the NSW Government Flood Prone Land Policy and the NSW Flood Risk Management Manual (The Manual).

These terms of reference set out the Committee's objectives, authority, composition and tenure, roles and responsibilities, reporting and administrative arrangements.

## 2 Objective

The objective of the Flood Management Advisory Committee is to assist the Council in the preparation of Floodplain Risk Management Plans for the Inner West Council local government area which will:

- Reduce the impact of flooding and flood liability on the community.
- Reduce private and public losses resulting from flooding.
- Recognise flood prone land as a valuable resource which should not be necessarily sterilised.
- Take into account social, economic, ecological and cultural factors.

The Committee acts as both a focus and forum for the discussion of technical, social, economic and environmental matters, and for the distillation of possibly differing viewpoints on these matters into ongoing management plans.



### 3 Function and Scope

The function and scope of the Committee will include but not be limited to the following:

- To assist Council in the development of Flood Studies and Floodplain Risk Management Studies and Plans for the Inner West Council local government area.
- To provide a link between Council and the local community.
- To identify objectives and strategies related to the improvement of the management of the floodplain.
- To monitor and review the implementation of flood planning in the Inner West Council local government area.
- To provide input into known flood behaviour as part of a flood study or flood risk management plan.
- To assist in the collection of information to support flood modelling and design.
- To facilitate coordination of flood management between local and state government agencies.
- To support and review the implementation of Floodplain Risk Management Plans within local planning processes, works programs and education campaigns and encouraging community participation.

The Committee does not consider specific development issues proposals/applications but focuses on broader management issues, Council policies and strategies affecting flood prone lands.

### 4 Delegation

The Committee is advisory in nature providing recommendations to Inner West Council. The Committee has not been delegated authority by Council. Any recommendations of the Committee must be ratified by resolution of Council and implemented by a member of Inner West Council staff with an appropriate delegation.

The Committee does not have any power to incur expenditure or to bind the Council to any decision upheld by the Committee.



## 5 Membership and Appointments

### 5.1 Membership of the Committee

Council recognizes its local community as a valuable partner in the management of the floodplain and the FMAC is a valued part of Council's local democracy.

The Committee comprises representatives from the local community with interest or expertise in flooding, elected representatives of Council, representatives of various NSW State Government departments / authorities / corporations, Council staff, and specialist consultants as engaged by Council.

Membership on the Committee is voluntary and by invitation from Inner West Council.

The Committee will consist of:

#### Members (voting)

- 2 Councillors nominated as per the terms of reference
- Up to 8 Local Community Representatives appointed as per the terms of reference
- 1 representative of the Inner West Access Local Democracy Group
- 1 representative nominated by the NSW State Emergency Service Local Cluster

#### Technical Advisory Members (non-voting)

- 1 representative nominated by Sydney Water
- 1 representative nominated by the NSW SES Metro Zone
- 1 representative nominated by the NSW SES Ashfield-Leichhardt Unit
- 1 representative nominated by the NSW SES Marrickville Unit
- 1 representative from Transport for NSW Roads
- Up to 2 representatives from the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
- Inner West Council Stormwater Catchment Coordinator
- Inner West Council Technical Services Manager
- Inner West Council Director Engineering
- Inner West Local Emergency Management Officer

#### Invitees & Observers (non-voting)

- Relevant officers from Inner West Council within Civil Works, Operations, Planning and Environment
- Representatives from other Councils or Government Agencies where they impacted by a Flood Study or Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan being undertaken by Inner West Council

Additional observers can be invited to committee meetings at the discretion of the Committee Facilitator. Membership can be altered at any time by Council resolution.



**5.2 Appointment of Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons**

Up to two elected representatives of Council may be members of the committee. The elected representatives of Council to serve on the committee shall be nominated by Council.

For the purposes of this charter the term “elected representatives” includes elected members of Council and, where there are no elected members of Council, persons that have been nominated by Council as members of Local Representation Advisory Committees.

The Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons of the Committee shall be nominated by Council from the nominated elected representatives unless determined otherwise by Council.

If neither the Chairperson nor the Deputy Chairpersons of the Committee is able or willing to preside at a meeting of the Committee, the Committee may elect a member of the Committee to be acting chairperson of the Committee for that meeting.

**5.3 Appointment of Community Representatives**

Up to eight Community Representatives may be members of the committee, selected from members of the community who reside or operate on flood prone land, have expertise in local flood management, or represent local sporting groups, social groups, environmental groups or chambers of commerce impacted by flooding.

Expressions of interest for Community Representatives will be called for at intervals as required. Advertising for expressions of interest will be on Council’s website.

Expressions of interest must be in writing. Expressions of interest will be prioritised by relevant Council staff.

Recommendations for appointment to the Committee will be prioritised based on the following selection criteria:

- Residence or property ownership or business operator within Inner West LGA.
- Representation across all Council’s catchments.
- Knowledge of local catchment flooding issues.
- Commitment to represent the interests of the Inner West community concerning floodplain management issues.
- Ability to attend Committee meetings and public meetings within LGA as required.
- Ability to commit to a long term membership of the Committee.
- Preparedness to observe Council’s Model Code of Conduct.

Successful applicants will be notified in writing and appointments of Community Representatives to the Committee will be reported to Council by the committee.

Community Representatives membership may be determined for up to two terms of Council (or remainder thereof).

Community Representatives shall serve on the Committee in a voluntary capacity.



**5.4 Casual Vacancies**

Any member of the Committee may, by giving notice in writing addressed to the Committee, resign as a member.

Membership on the Committee shall cease if:

- A member resigns in writing to the Committee;
- If a member (or representative) is absent without notification of absence for three (3) consecutive Committee meetings; or
- Upon resolution of Council to remove a member from the Committee.

In the event that a casual vacancy is caused by the resignation of a member, the Committee Facilitator will advise the Committee at its next meeting that a vacancy has arisen, and will provide a report to the next available Council meeting concerning a prospective replacement having regard to the following:

- If the member was nominated as a representative of an organisation, then the organisation shall be invited to nominate a replacement representative.
- If the member was nominated as a Community Representative, then the Committee Facilitator will review original expressions of interest received and ascertain if any of the individuals who previously nominated are prepared to be considered as a member of the Committee.
- If there are no previous or current nominations then an expression of interest will be called.
- Should a vacancy occur within six (6) months of the end of term of the current Council, the vacancy will not be filled until the first term of the new Council.



## 6 Responsibility of Members

### 6.1 Code of Conduct

Council's [Model Code of Conduct](#) applies to the Flood Management Advisory Committee and its members.

Failure by a Council Official or FMAC Member to comply with the standards of conduct prescribed under the Model Code of Conduct may constitute misconduct and could result in suspension or removal from the advisory committee or working group.

Failure by a member of staff to comply with Council's Model Code of Conduct may also give rise to disciplinary action.

Council has zero tolerance for aggressive, humiliating, bullying, intimidatory or violent behaviour towards Council Officials or FMAC Members.

Respect is one of our core values and Council Officials and FMAC members are required to:

1. Treat everyone equitably and fairly
2. Embrace diversity
3. Acknowledge and value the needs of FMAC Members
4. Actively listen, to understand each other's point of view
5. Value feedback and respond constructively

### 6.2 Understanding and Contribution

Members of the Committee are expected to:

- Understand the relevant legislative and regulatory requirements appropriate to Inner West Council
- Contribute the time needed to study and understand the papers provided.
- Apply objectivity and good judgment.
- Express opinions frankly, ask questions that go to the fundamental core of issues.
- Members of the Committee are not permitted to speak to the media as a representative of the Committee unless approved by Council. General information with regard to purpose and objective of the Committee is available on Council's website

### 6.3 Conflict of Interest

All FMAC members are required to disclose conflicts of interest in accordance with the [Conflict of Interest Policy](#). All FMAC Members are required to undertake an initial Disclosure of Interests upon commencement as a FMAC Member and annually thereafter. Any new Conflict of Interest that arises must be disclosed as soon as practicable and no more than one month post becoming aware of the new interest. Refer Schedule 1 Disclosure of Interest.



#### 6.4 Role of the Chairperson

The Chairperson is responsible for:

- Opening the meeting and following the agenda
- Allocating times to be devoted to agenda items and ensuring that these times are observed
- Encouraging all members of the Committee to express their point of view
- Determining the most effective way of dealing with the issues raised and making the necessary arrangements to achieve this
- Summarising the progress of the discussion and degree of consensus reached at the end of each agenda items, and confirming this with the Minute taker before moving on
- Closing the meeting and confirming the date, time and place of the next meeting
- Liaising and reporting to the Council.

#### 6.5 Committee Facilitator

The designated Committee Facilitator is the Director Engineering or their nominee.

The Committee Facilitator is responsible for:

- Establishing the meeting agenda in conjunction with the Chairperson
- Preparing and distributing the agenda
- Ensuring the agenda and minutes are published
- Ensuring that relevant matters are brought before the Committee
- Ensuring that the input and decisions of the Committee are incorporated into Council activities.
- Booking venues
- Taking accurate minutes in the format determined by the Committee; and
- Distributing the minutes



## 7 Meetings

### 7.1 Frequency

The Committee will meet a minimum of four times a year, at quarterly intervals. Special meetings of the committee may be called where required at critical points in the review and delivery of Flood Studies and Flood Risk Management Plans, or there are pressing issues to be put forward to the Committee.

The meetings of the Committee are to be called by the Committee Facilitator. The proposed date, time, location and business to be transacted at each meeting will be notified to all members of the Committee at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Meetings will allow for hybrid attendance (face-to-face and online) to ensure that members have as many options as available to take part in the Committee.

### 7.2 Meeting procedures

The following procedures shall apply during meetings:

- Meetings of the Committee shall be conducted under the Council's Model Code of Conduct.
- The Chairperson may call a special meeting if, in the Chairperson's opinion, there are matters of urgency that require attention.
- The Committee may invite people to attend meetings to observe, make representation or provide expert or technical advice.
- Provision shall be made on each agenda for General Business to be raised at each meeting.
- The agenda for the meetings shall be issued on the week preceding the Committee meeting.
- Council's role is to note the Committee's Minutes and to consider recommendations made by the Committee. Such recommendations will be highlighted for the attention of Council.
- The minutes shall be drafted and distributed after each meeting to Committee members.

### 7.3 Meeting Conduct

Members shall respect the views and opinions of each other, allowing for one person to speak at a time and participate in the meeting with decorum. The Chairperson will facilitate the meeting to ensure the meeting keeps to the agenda allowing for all agenda items to be considered.

When the Chairperson rises or speaks during a meeting:

- Any FMAC Member then speaking or seeking to speak must cease speaking.
- Every FMAC Member present must be silent to enable the Chairperson to be heard without interruption.



A Council Official or FMAC Member commits an Act of Disorder if they:

- a. Contravenes the Flood Management Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
- b. assaults or threatens to assault Council Officials or a FMAC Member
- c. moves or attempts to move a recommendation that has an unlawful purpose or that deals with a matter that is outside the jurisdiction of the Flood Management Advisory Committee
- d. insults, or makes unfavourable personal remarks about, or imputes improper motives to any other Council official or FMAC Member
- e. or does anything that is inconsistent with maintaining order at the meeting or is likely to bring the Council or the Flood Management Advisory Committee into disrepute.

**Where a FMAC Member commits an act of disorder the Chairperson reserves the right to expel any person from the meeting.**

#### 7.4 Public Participation

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## 8 Sub-Committees & Working Groups

Sub-Committees or Working Groups may be established to support the Flood Management Advisory Committee and Council in the delivery of flood risk management projects.

Working Groups will contain relevant technical staff from Council, the Department of Planning and Environment, State Agencies, and selected consultants.

Sub-Committees and Working Groups will report to the Flood Management Advisory Committee on the progress of the matters assigned to them.



## 9 Breaches of this Terms of Reference

Breaches of Terms of Reference may result in an investigation of the alleged breach in line with relevant Council policies including the Model Code of Conduct.

Any alleged criminal offence or allegation of corrupt conduct will be referred to the relevant external agency.

## 10 Dissolution

The Committee may at any time be dissolved and disbanded by resolution of Council.

## 11 Administrative Changes

From time-to-time circumstances may change leading to the need for minor administrative changes to this document. Where an update does not materially alter this document, such a change may be made including branding, Council Officer titles or department changes and legislative name or title changes which are considered minor in nature and not required to be formally endorsed.



## 12 Version Control – Terms of Reference History

This Terms of Reference will be formally reviewed every three years from the date of adoption or as required.

Governance use only:

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Engineering Services	Amended Contact Officer	29/9/2017
Engineering Services Governance and Risk	Significant updates to the entire document as part of the required review into meeting schedule, membership and committee governance. Terms of reference amended to align with standard IWC governance procedures	09/04/2024
Engineering Services Governance and Risk	Removal of quorum and updated to voting members in accordance with Council Notice of Motion C0625(1) Item 55 Amendment of internal job titles	14/08/2025
Technical Services Governance and Risk	Inclusion of Public Forum in accordance with Council Notice of Motion C1124(1) Item 26 Formatting & Title Changes	TBC



## Schedule 1 – Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM

<b>Information</b>	A conflict of interest arises if it is likely that a person with a private or personal interest could be influenced in the performance of his or her public or professional duties by that interest, or that a reasonable person would believe that the person could be so influenced. Council's Code of Conduct requires Council officials to declare potential Conflicts of Interest and take appropriate action to resolve these situations immediately.
<b>Types of Interests</b>	<p><b>1. Pecuniary Interest</b></p> <p>Is an interest that you have in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of an appreciable financial gain or loss to you, or to another person with whom you are associated. This could include your partner, close relative and business associate. (Section 4 (4.1) Code of Conduct).</p> <p><b>2. Non-Pecuniary Interest</b></p> <p>Is a private or personal interest, which you have which may arise from a friendship, a family member, sporting, social, religious or cultural association. This may include money, interests of a financial nature or a non-financial benefit.</p>
<b>How a Conflict of Interest would arise:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where you have a personal interest that would lead you to be influenced in the carrying out of your Council work or public duties.</li> <li>• Where you have a personal interest that could lead a reasonable person to think you could be influenced in the carrying out of your Council work or public duties.</li> <li>• Where you know of a family member, relative, friend, associate or anybody close to you has an interest that could lead you to be influenced or a reasonable person to think you could be influenced, in the carrying out of your Council work or public duties.</li> </ul>
<b>Identify, Declare and Manage Conflict of Interest?</b>	<p>Where you have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter for the purposes of clause 5.2 of the Code of Conduct, you must disclose the relevant private interest you have in relation to the matter fully and in writing as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the non-pecuniary conflict of interest.</p> <p>How you manage a non-pecuniary conflict of interest will depend on whether or not it is significant, refer to Clause 5.6 to 5.9 of the Code of Conduct for guidance.</p> <p>If you determine that a non-pecuniary conflict of interests is less than significant and does not require further action, you must provide an explanation of why you consider that the conflict does not require further action in the circumstances.</p> <p>Where you have a significant non-pecuniary or pecuniary conflict of interest you must not participate in consideration of, or decision making in relation to, the matter in which you have the significant non-pecuniary or pecuniary conflict of interest.</p>



<b>Employee's Details</b>	<p><b>Name:</b> Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p><b>Position:</b> Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p><b>Directorate:</b> Choose an item.</p>
<b>Description of Conflict of Interest</b>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p><b>Type of Conflict</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pecuniary</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Pecuniary – Significant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Pecuniary – Non-Significant</p> <p><b>Date Conflict Declared:</b> Click or tap to enter a date.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The details I have provided are correct to the best of my knowledge and the declaration is made in good faith.</p> <p><b>Signature of Employee:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> Click or tap to enter a date.</p> <p><b>Please submit this form to your Manager/Senior Manager/Director or General Manager</b></p>
<b>Action taken to avoid any impact from the Conflict of Interest</b>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Manager will monitor the employee's adherence to the action plan stated above.</p> <p><b>Manager's Name:</b> Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p><b>Signature of Manager/Snr Manager:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> Click or tap to enter a date.</p> <p><b>Signature of Director/GM:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> Click or tap to enter a date.</p>
<b>Endorsement by Employee</b>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> I note the proposed action, endorse it, and agree to abide by it. If the circumstances as set out in this declaration changes, I will resubmit a new declaration setting out the circumstances for approval.</p> <p><b>Signature of Employee:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> Click or tap to enter a date.</p>
<b>Completed Forms</b>	<p>Send completed forms to <a href="mailto:Governance@innerwest.nsw.gov.au">Governance@innerwest.nsw.gov.au</a></p>

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**Subject:** SOUTH MARRICKVILLE FLOOD STUDY - STATUS UPDATE  
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Item 2

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## RECOMMENDATION

**That the Flood Management Advisory Committee receive and note the report for the South Marrickville Flood Study, which details progress to date and current community consultation activities.**

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## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This report supports the following strategic directions contained within Council's Community Strategic Plan:

- 1: An ecologically sustainable Inner West
- 2: Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The South Marrickville Flood Study is the final catchment within the Local Government Area requiring a flood study. It covers areas within southern Dulwich Hill and south-west Marrickville, generally bound by New Canterbury Road and Garnet Avenue, draining to the Cooks River.

Work to prepare the flood study commenced in December 2025 and it is being delivered over 18 months. The project is currently on track, with data review substantially progressed and the data collection phase now underway.

Council commenced the first planned community consultation period on 9 February, with a closing date of 15 March 2026. Consultation and engagement activities include letters to residents, information updates, a survey and public meetings.

This report provides a status update on progress to date for the South Marrickville Flood Study and confirms further details relating to forthcoming activities.

## BACKGROUND

Under the NSW Floodplain Management Policy, local councils are primarily responsible for managing flood-prone land. This includes undertaking studies to understand flood risk, assessing management options, keeping the community informed about flooding, supporting emergency management planning, and considering flood impacts on flood-prone land through appropriate development controls.

There are nine stormwater catchments in the Inner West local government area with dedicated flood studies. The South Marrickville Flood Study is the final catchment without a completed flood study. This catchment includes areas within southern Dulwich Hill and south-west Marrickville, generally bound by New Canterbury Road and Garnet Avenue, draining to the Cooks River. The objective of the flood study is to improve Council's understanding of flood behavior across the catchment.

The flood study will take approximately 18 months to prepare. Once the flood study is adopted, Council will then look to commission the Flood Risk Management Study and Plan for the same catchment.

The report provides a status update on progress to date for the preparation of the Flood Study.

**DISCUSSION**

**Types of Flooding in the Catchment**

Flooding within the South Marrickville Catchment typically occurs from the following sources:

- Overland flow paths
- Overtopping of the Cooks River

Overland flooding occurs when local rainfall generates runoff at a rate that exceeds the capacity of the drainage system, causing water to flow along roads, open spaces, and low-lying areas. Overtopping of the Cooks River, also referred to as riverine flooding, occurs when river water levels rise during large-scale catchment rainfall events and/or high tide conditions. Floodwater typically extends from the river corridor onto adjacent low-lying land.

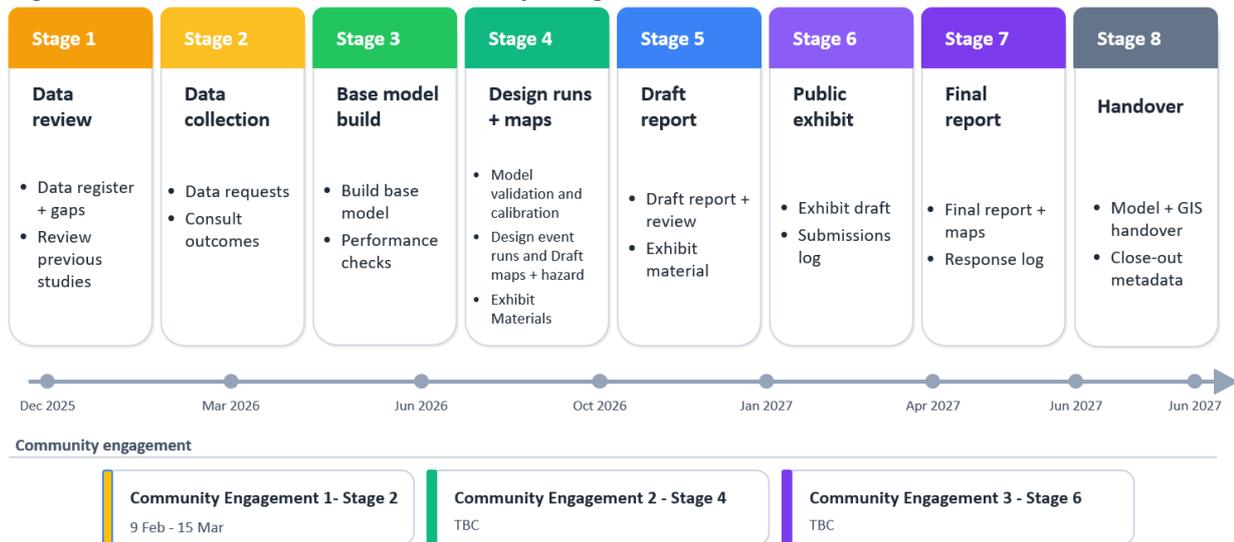
This study is important because previous investigations have largely focused on the river corridor. Accordingly, this Flood Study provides a catchment-wide assessment of overland flow paths and their interaction with the Cooks River tailwater.

**Project Planning**

Council has engaged Stantec as its specialist consultant to assist with the preparation of the Flood Study. The project will be delivered across eight stages, with designated hold points for community consultation during Stages 2 - Data Collection, Stage 4 – Design Runs and Maps and Stage 6 - Public exhibition of the draft flood study.

The diagram below outlines the eight stages of this project:

Figure 1. South Marrickville Flood Study Program



The project is currently on track, with stage 1 largely completed and stage 2 having now commenced.

The following list provides further detail on activities completed in each stage of the flood study:

- Stage 1 – Data Review - Project setup, planning, and coordination with Council including data collection and review of previous studies.
- Stage 2 – Data Collection - Collection of relevant data and commencement of first community consultation.
- Stage 3 – Base Model Build - Establish the initial model that will be the base for the flood study.
- Stage 4 – Design Runs and Maps - Validation and calibration of model. Design event runs and draft maps for the various critical flood events. Second community consultation to be undertaken at this stage.
- Stage 5 – Draft Report - Preparation of draft report to be submitted to Council for review
- Stage 6 – Public Exhibition - Third community consultation and exhibition of draft report open for feedback.
- Stage 7 – Final Report - Finalising report, addressing feedback from the community consultation.
- Stage 8 – Handover - Report and flood model to be handed to Council for adoption.

**CONSULTATION**

Local knowledge is essential in addressing flood issues, as it helps build an understanding of where flooding occurs and how it affects the community. The information and data gathered in the findings from Stage 2 of this project, including the information and feedback gathered during the community consultation period, will inform the development of the flood study including the following:

- Support emergency services in planning for and responding to flood events
- Assist Council in establishing appropriate planning and development controls
- Improve the resilience of infrastructure to future flooding
- Guide flood risk management in accordance with NSW Government requirements

The community engagement planned within Stage 2 commenced on 9 February 2026 and is expected to close on 15 March 2026. Consultation and engagement activities include:

- letter notifications to affected residents, property owners and businesses
- general project information
- a survey hosted on Council’s Have Your Say webpage
- two in-person consultation sessions attended by Council and Stantec representatives
- the opportunity to provide feedback via Council’s flooding email address.

There will be two additional community consultations undertaken throughout this project in Stages 4 and 6, including the exhibition of the design runs and maps outlining the flood affected areas in Stage 4 and the final draft flood study in Stage 6.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The total external cost of the South Marrickville Flood Study is \$163,196, inclusive of GST. Council's adopted Delivery Plan has provided \$55,000 from internal reserves to accommodate Council's one-third contribution to the project cost. The remainder of the study is funded by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) through the Floodplain Risk Management Program.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.