



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

15th November 2005

**DSS7 MACLEAY FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE
FILE: FM 505 APV**

SUMMARY:

Reporting on the membership of the Macleay Flood Risk Management Committee.



At Council's meeting on 15 July 2004, Council considered a report on the membership of the Macleay Flood Risk Management Committee. Council resolved that the recommendations of the Director (and that of the Committee) be adopted with the exclusions of representatives from the Kempsey Rural Lands Protection Board (RLPB), Kempsey Residents and the Kempsey Chamber of Commerce.

It is assumed the decision to delete a representative from Kempsey Residents was made on the basis that adequate representation would be achieved via the representative of the Kempsey & District Ratepayers Association. Similarly, the Chamber of Commerce was represented in an unofficial capacity by Cr Terry Hunt who was nominated as the Councillor representative on the Committee.

At Council's meeting on 12 October 2004, following a letter received from the RLPB outlining their concerns at no longer having a representative on the Committee, Council resolved '*That the Kempsey Rural Lands Protection Board concerns be noted and that the Board be invited to submit an application for membership to the meeting of Council in September 2005*'.

At Council's meeting on 13 September 2005, Council resolved that Councillors Gribbin and Saul be elected as Councillor delegates to the Macleay Flood Risk Management Committee.

At the last meeting of the Macleay Flood Risk Management Committee on 27 October 2004, the issue of membership of the Committee was discussed. With Councillor T Hunt no longer a Councillor delegate on the Committee and with the current Kempsey Flood Study in progress, it was felt by the Committee that

it would be beneficial to have a representative from the Kempsey Chamber of Commerce on the Committee.

Similarly, the Committee felt that it would be beneficial to have a representative from the Kempsey RLPB on the Committee. Council has worked closely with the RLPB in the past, particularly on issues relating to the movement of stock during flood events and the provision of appropriate flood mounds. The RLPB cite changes in farm ownership and the effects of the proposed Highway Bypass on Travelling Stock Reserves as being additional issues requiring RLPB representation on the Committee. The Dept of Primary Industries (Agriculture) are currently sourcing funding to undertake a survey of stock and stock movements during flood events on the Macleay Floodplain. Input into this project is being provided by Council, RLPB, SES and the NSW Farmers Association.

The Macleay Flood Risk Management Committee resolved at its meeting *"that the committee membership include representatives from the Kempsey Chamber of Commerce and Kempsey Rural Lands Protection Board"*.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

There are no financial or environmental implications from the following recommendation.

- ***Social***

Representation as recommended would ensure a broader representation from various relevant sections of the community.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

Nil

Policy or Statutory

The Macleay Flood Risk Management Committee is required to meet the guidelines of the NSW Floodplain Development Manual and should have a broad community representation.

- ***Director's Review***

Council is urged to support the recommendation to ensure relevant stakeholders are represented and have the opportunity to contribute and assist in the development and implementation of the floodplain risk management plans for the Macleay Floodplain.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Macleay Flood Risk Management Committee include additional representatives from the Kempsey Chamber of Commerce and the Kempsey Rural Land Protection Board.