



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

## **MAYORAL REPORT**

12<sup>th</sup> June 2007

<b>MM5</b>	<b>NSW FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY</b>
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### **SUMMARY:**

Report on Floodplain Management Authority Meeting Parramatta 24<sup>th</sup> May 2007

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

Meeting well attended. Executive have a meeting with the new Minister Kopparberg on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2007 to discuss issues and concerns in relation to Floodplain management and future funding. Considerable concern re future funding. At present all from State very little from Federal level. It would appear that because we are in drought there is no need to worry about flooding. Decision makers have not heard that prevention is better than cure. All members need to lobby MPs on the importance of Flood Mitigation.

There was some concern that the ALGA which has the Federal Government's ear is not supportive of either FMA nor flood mitigation. Suggestion is that we put a motion to ALGA annual conference re this matter.

FMA website is still under development.

Good presentation on updates from the bureau of metrology.

Concern expressed on the change within the state government department responsible for Floodplain management having been amalgamated with another department. With the changes in staff position and loss of technical expertise it is feared that councils may have to go it alone without the technical support previously available from the department.

### **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental:***

***Lack of technical support may impact on Council's future DA processes and environmental sustainability.***

- ***Social:***

*Could have implications with evacuations in flood situations*

- *Economic (Financial):*

*Possible financial impacts in the event of flooding.*

- *Policy or Statutory:*

*Nil*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the information be noted.
2. That Council prepares and forwards a Notice of Motion for the ALGA Annual Conference asking them to lobby the Federal Government on the importance of maintaining flood mitigation in those areas subject to regular flood. This is especially important in rural areas where the population shifts associated with Seachange are impacting.

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