



## NOTICE OF MOTION

13 October 2009

<b>NOM2</b>	<b>RAISED FLOOD LEVELS</b>
	<b>FILE: 1 BJM {Folio No. *}</b>

We hereby give notice that we intend to move the following motion at the Ordinary meeting of Kempsey Shire Council to be held on Tuesday, 13 October 2009.

**That Council investigate the potential benefits of raising the flood levees protecting the Kempsey CBD.**

Rationale:

The Kempsey CBD is protected by flood levees to a height parameter of 1 in 10 year flooding. There could be significant benefits of raising these levees as has been achieved in other local government areas.

### ***MOTION IMPLICATIONS:***

- ***Environmental***

*The investigation would consider all elements of the Kempsey Shire Council Ecological Sustainable Development Policy.*

- ***Social***

*Council will demonstrate a leadership role with its care and concern for community safety and well being.*

- ***Economic (Financial)***

*Minimal cost to Council at this stage. Potential funding could be sourced from various sources including RTA, Federal Government Stimulus Package, Flood Grants and special contributions. Economic benefits could be considerable.*

- ***Policy or Statutory***

*Nil*

### ***General Manager's Note:***

*The notice of motion before Council makes no mention of limiting the project to only relying on grants and contributions, as is indicated to be the case in the economic implications. Should the motion be carried as it is, it would commit the council to funding the necessary study.*

*It is expected that the flood modelling studies would assist in developing this further information, but that a significant consultancy would still be required to determine the impacts and works required.*

*There are currently no funds allocated to this purpose and a review of the budget to identify areas to reduce expenditure would be required once costs are known. Alternatives for funding are grants, special rate levies or voluntary contributions.*

*Reliance on special rates would necessitate application to the Minister for Local Government for an above rate pegging increase and would require the Council to start undertaking community engagement as early as possible, so if this option is being considered it is recommended that it be specifically included in the recommendation.*

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