

Agenda Item:	Late Item 8.2
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	15 February 2024
Title:	Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA:

- 1. Receives the report.**
 - 2. Requests the GRFMA Executive Officer to convey anticipation of an expedient completion of the draft Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan to the Stormwater Management Authority.**
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The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) has been undertaking to develop a Stormwater Management Plan (SMP) for the Gawler River.

Water Technology is the consultancy contracted to deliver the SMP.

This is being done in partnership with the Stormwater Management Authority (SMA) of South Australia, the Green Adelaide Board and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board.

The purpose of the project is to prepare a SMP to be approved by the SMA and the GRFMA, that will provide background and strategic direction for managing stormwater in the Gawler River for the main channel below the confluence of the North Para and South Para Rivers.

Both the draft State of the Catchment Report document and the draft SMP document have previously been provided by Water Technology.

The documents were provided to the above organisations for comment who subsequently provided comment which required further considerations.

The GRFMA Executive Officer is now working with the SMA to resolve what appears to be a different understanding between parties on what the scope of the original SMP was and what is now expected. Notwithstanding, the GRFMA Executive Officer view is SMA has jointly funded the delivery of the SMP and is considered a partner in the process.

Refer previous reports within the 14/12/2023 GRFMA meeting agenda and minutes for further detail.

Following final responses from SMA Northern and Yorke Landscape Board and Green Adelaide the GRFMA project management team have prepared a tabulated response utilising a traffic light indicator approach, to identify the GRFMA response to the SMA, Northern and Yorke Landscape Board and Green Adelaide, comments, and expectations:

- Green, in scope and expectation of SMP which matters are achievable by utilising existing information to rewrite (i.e. no additional cost).
 - Amber, further discussion with SMA as is out of scope: however, may benefit the SMP and will separately require additional cost.
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- Red, response as out of scope of the consultancy agreement with Water Technology and will require possible additional costs.

The GRFMA Executive Officer now provided the tabulated response to the Managing Director of Water Technology to establish what can be achieved within existing contract terms and what are considered out of contract terms which require separate resourcing.

Following response from Water Technology, the GRFMA and SMA working group will convene to discuss the overarching issues of drivers for completion timelines, potential approval pathways and the use of the plan going forward.

Members of the GRFMA and SMA working group are to be senior representatives of the SMA, Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, Green Adelaide and the GRFMA Chairperson and Executive Officer.