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Dear Member,

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Clause 6 of the Charter that a meeting for the GRFMA Board has been called for:

Date: Thursday 28 August 2025

Time: 9:45am

Place: Host: The Town of Gawler
Council Chamber, Gawler Civic Centre, 89-91 Murray Street, Gawler



David E Hitchcock

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AGENDA

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

ORDINARY MEETING

9:45am Thursday 28 August 2025

Host: The Town of Gawler

Council Chamber, Gawler Civic Centre, 89-91 Murray Street, Gawler

1. Meeting of the Board

- 1.1 Welcome by the GRFMA Chairperson
- 1.2 Present
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- 1.5 Declarations of Interest

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Nil

4. Motions on Notice

Nil

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11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

Nil

12. Next Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday 16 October 2025, 9:45am
Host: Adelaide Plains Council

13. Closure

Agenda Item: 2.1
Committee: Board
Meeting Date: 28 August 2025
Title: GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 19/6/2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Refer to the attached minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 19/6/2025.

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

9:45am Thursday 19 June 2025

The Barossa Council – 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa SA

1. Meeting of the Board

1.1 Welcome by the GRFMA Chairperson

Mr Lino Di Lerna formally welcomed Board Members, Deputy Board Members, Observers and the Executive Officer and opened the 157th meeting of the Board.

1.2 Present

- Mr Lino Di Lerna, Independent Board Member, Chair
- Cr Terry-Anne Keen, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Cr Mel Lawrence, Adelaide Plains Council, Deputy Board Member
- Mr James Miller, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Mr David Collins, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Mr Jake McVicar, The Barossa Council, Board Member
- Cr Paul Koch, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Ms Whendee Young, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Mr Richard Dodson, Light Regional Council, Board Member
- Cr Clint Marsh, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

1.3 New Appointments to the GRFMA Board

- Adelaide Plains Council: New Board Member, Cr Mel Lawrence replacing Cr Dante Mazzeo
- Light Regional Council: New Board Member, Cr Bill Close replacing Cr Michael Phillips Ryder
- The Barossa Council: New Board Member, Cr Tony Hurn, due to Cr Bruce Preece appointment being revoked

1.4 Apologies

- Cr Bill Close, Light Regional Council, Board Member
- Cr Tony Hurn, The Barossa Council, Board Member

1.5 Appointment of Observers

GB22/25 Observers
Moved: Mr James Miller
Seconded: Cr Terry-Anne Keen

That Cr Mel Lawrence be appointed as Observer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.6 Declarations of Interest

Nil

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes

GB23/25 GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes
Moved: Mr James Miller
Seconded: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 17/04/2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 Actions on Previous Resolutions

The Board noted the actions on previous resolutions.

2.3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

3. Questions on Notice

Nil

4. Motions on Notice

Nil

5. Presentations

5.1 Gawler River Hydrology, Key results from the new hydrology model and any material changes due to updated data and climate change assumptions – Tim Craig, Senior Hydrologist, HARC.

This item was deferred and the presentation occurred after item 8.2.

5.2 Real-time flood forecasting and response, and how such approaches could benefit the Gawler River region – Cameron Druery, Director, waterRIDE, Worley Consulting

This item was deferred and the presentation occurred after item 12.

6. Audit and Risk Committee

6.1 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes

GB24/25 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes
Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann
Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That the GRFMA receives the minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 10/06/2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Technical Assessment Panel

7.1 Technical Assessment Panel Minutes

Nil

8. Reports

8.1 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

This item was deferred and occurred after item 12.

GB25/25 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case
Moved: Mr David Collins
Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

That the GRFMA Board notes the report and receives a verbal update on progress with the Business Case.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:27am Greg Pattinson left the meeting.

8.2 Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

Moved: Cr Malcom Herrmann
Seconded: Cr Paul Koch

That the GRFMA:

1. *Receives the Gawler River Floodplain Draft Stormwater Management Plan Consultation Report – May 2025.*
2. *Formally approves the completed Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan, as attached Item 8.2 of the 19 June 2025 GRFMA Meeting.*
3. *Requests the GRFMA Executive Officer to:*
 - *Send correspondence to Green Adelaide and Northern and York Landscape Board, including a copy of the SMP, asking for their support in advising the Stormwater Management Authority (SMA) that the plan contains appropriate provisions.*
 - *Submit a copy of the SMP and the GRFMA meeting minutes, where the plan was approved, to the SMA for approval.*

- *Distribute an approved copy of the SMP to Constituent Councils, as endorsed by GRFMA.*
- 4. *Notes that the GRFMA does not at this stage commit to funding any of the initiatives identified in the Stormwater Management Plan.*

LOST**GB26/25 Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan****Moved:** Mr James Miller**Seconded:** Cr Clint Marsh*That the GRFMA:*

1. *Receives the Gawler River Floodplain Draft Stormwater Management Plan Consultation Report – May 2025.*
2. *Formally approves the completed Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan, as attached Item 8.2 of the 19 June 2025 GRFMA Meeting.*
3. *Requests the GRFMA Executive Officer to:*
 - *Send correspondence to Green Adelaide and Northern and York Landscape Board, including a copy of the SMP, asking for their support in advising the Stormwater Management Authority (SMA) that the plan contains appropriate provisions.*
 - *Submit a copy of the SMP and the GRFMA meeting minutes, where the plan was approved, to the SMA for approval.*
 - *Distribute an approved copy of the SMP to Constituent Councils, as endorsed by GRFMA.*
4. *Notes that further work remains ongoing in relation to the adoption of a Funding Strategy to bring effect to the recommendations comprised in the report.*

CARRIED**8.3 Achievements Against the 2024/2025 Annual Business Plan****GB27/25 Achievements Against the 2024/2025 Annual Business Plan****Moved:** Mr David Collins**Seconded:** Ms Whendee Young*That the GRFMA receives the Statement of Achievements Against the Annual Business Plan document.***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****8.4 GRFMA Annual Business Plan 2025/2026****GB28/25 GRFMA Annual Business Plan 2025/2026****Moved:** Mr Richard Dodson**Seconded:** Mr Greg Pattinson*That according to Clause 12.2 of the Charter, the GRFMA Business Plan 2025/2026 be adopted.***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.5 GRFMA Annual Budget 2025/2026

GB29/25 GRFMA Annual Budget 2025/2026

Moved: Mr James Miller

Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

That the GRFMA resolves:

1. *That pursuant to Section 25, Schedule 2, Part 2 of the Local Government Act 1999, the GRFMA Budget 2025-2026 be adopted.*
2. *That pursuant to Clause 11.1 of the Charter that the subscriptions scheduled below be subscriptions payable for the 2025-2026 year:*

a) The Schedule:

Part A *Flood Mitigation Works – No subscriptions.*

Part B *Capital works and Maintenance – A total of \$149,750 calculated by the percentage shares prescribed in Clause 11.1 of the Charter:*

Adelaide Plains Council	\$43,293
Adelaide Hills Council	\$2,591
The Barossa Council	\$12,983
Town of Gawler	\$25,967
Light Regional Council	\$12,983
City of Playford *	\$51,933
Total	\$149,750

Part C Operation – *A total of \$140,920 calculated by even shares prescribed in Clause 11.1 of the Charter*

Adelaide Plains Council	\$23,486
Adelaide Hills Council	\$23,486
The Barossa Council	\$23,486
Town of Gawler	\$23,486
Light Regional Council	\$23,486
City of Playford	*\$23,490
Total * rounding	\$149,920

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Financial Report and BR3

GB30/25 Financial Report and BR3

Moved: Mr David Collins

Seconded: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

That the GRFMA:

1. *Receives the financial report as of 30 May 2025 showing a cash at bank balance of \$48,536.48.*
2. *Notes internal cash lending for CAD offset is \$396,186.00.*
3. *Adopts Budget Review 3 (BR3) as of 31 May 2025 as the amended and current budget for the period ended 30 June 2025.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 Executive Officer Report

GB31/25 Executive Officer Report

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Cr Terry-Ann Keen

That the GRFMA:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Revokes the appointment of Cr Bruce Preece as an authorised person pursuant to GRFMA business banking protocols.*

3. *Appoints:*

a. Mr Greg Pattinson

b. Ms Whendee Young

as an authorised person with the authority to facilitate payment of tax invoices pursuant to GRFMA business banking protocols.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Correspondence

GB32/25 Correspondence

Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson

Seconded: Mr James Miller

That the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Confidential

Nil

11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

Nil

12. Next Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday 21 August 2025, 9:45am

Host: Town of Gawler

GB33/25 Next Meeting

Moved: Mr James Miller

Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That the next meeting of the GRFMA Board be delayed by one week and be held on 28 August 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Closure

The Chairperson thanked the members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 11:37am.

Chair _____ Date _____

Agenda Item:	2.2
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	28 August 2025
Title:	Actions on Previous Resolutions

Number		Action
GB26/25	<i>That the GRFMA:</i> <i>1. Receives the Gawler River Floodplain Draft Stormwater Management Plan Consultation Report – May 2025.</i> <i>2. Formally approves the completed Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan, as attached Item 8.2 of the 19 June 2025 GRFMA Meeting.</i> <i>3. Requests the GRFMA Executive Officer to:</i> <i>• Send correspondence to Green Adelaide and Northern and York Landscape Board, including a copy of the SMP, asking for their support in advising the Stormwater Management Authority (SMA) that the plan contains appropriate provisions.</i> <i>• Submit a copy of the SMP and the GRFMA meeting minutes, where the plan was approved, to the SMA for approval.</i> <i>• Distribute an approved copy of the SMP to Constituent Councils, as endorsed by GRFMA.</i> <i>4. Notes that further work remains ongoing in relation to the adoption of a Funding Strategy to bring effect to the recommendations comprised in the report.</i>	Completed. Green Adelaide and Northern and York Landscape Board to consider the SMP by 31 August 2025 The SMA will subsequently consider the SMP in October 2025
GB29/25	<i>That the GRFMA resolves:</i> <i>1. That pursuant to Section 25, Schedule 2, Part 2 of the Local Government Act 1999, the GRFMA Budget 2025-2026 be adopted.</i>	Constituent Councils provided with copy of the adopted budget. First half-yearly subscription invoices sent.
GB31/25	<i>That the GRFMA:</i> <i>1. Receives the report.</i> <i>2. Revokes the appointment of Cr Bruce Preece as an authorised person pursuant to GRFMA business banking protocols.</i> <i>3. Appoints:</i> <i>• Mr Greg Pattinson</i> <i>• Ms Whendee Young</i> <i>as an authorised person with the authority to facilitate payment of tax invoices pursuant to GRFMA business banking protocols.</i>	Completed

Agenda Item:	6.1
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	28 August 2025
Title:	GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes 12/8/2025

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA receives the minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 12/8/2025.

Refer to the attached copy of the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee minutes of the meeting held on 12/8/2025.

Key matters considered by the 12/8/2025 GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee meeting:

- The meeting asked the GRFMA Executive Officer to seek written confirmation from LGA MLS that the GRFMA Chairman, Audit and Risk Committee Chairperson, and Executive Officer are covered by public liability insurance for their GRFMA duties.
- Received and noted the audited Financial Statements as amended for 2024/2025, the Management Representation Letter, and the External Audit Management Letter.
- Approved the 'Certification of Auditor Independence' to be signed by the Audit and Risk Committee Chairman and Executive Officer.
- Recommended that a 'Certification of Auditor Independence' also be signed by the Chief Executive Officer of each Constituent Council.
- Recommended that the audited Financial Statements, as amended for 2024/2025, be adopted by the GRFMA Board.
- Received and noted the GRFMA 2024/2025 Annual Report and the Management Representation Letter, which is to be provided to the 28 August 2025 GRFMA meeting

Response to items raised in the External Audit Management Letter

- *Undertake a review of the Confidential Items Register.* - Now provided
- *Undertake a review of the Solicitors Representation Letter.* - GRFMA Executive Officer to make further inquiries with Solicitors
- *Undertake a review of subsequent events since balance date.* - Noted
- *Obtain certified financial statements as required.* - To be provided following adoption at the 28 August 2025 GRFMA Meeting.
- *Receipt of the signed Management Representation Letter.* - To be provided following presentation at the 28 August 2025 GRFMA Meeting.
- *Regulation 10 – Report on the financial results for the previous year compared with the estimated financial results set out in the budget presented.* - This report to be presented to the October 2025 GRFMA meeting following adoption of the External Audit Report.
- *Regulation 9 – Budget Review 3.* - Schedule future budget reviews to ensure GRFMA Meetings can consider them within statutory deadlines.
- *Risk Assessment Review – Insurance Cover Options for the Dam asset in the event of damage, failure, and/or natural disaster – or for third party property damage.* - The GRFMA Executive Officer to facilitate a risk-based assessment that incorporates a formal cost-benefit analysis of available market options.

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING

12pm, Tuesday 12 August 2025
Dean Newbery
214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide

1. Present

- Mr Peter Brass, Independent Member, Chairman
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer
- Mr Anton Bure, Senior Accountant, Dean Newbery

2. Apologies

Nil

12:01pm, the meeting agreed to suspend meeting procedures to undertake confidential discussion with Mr Anton Bure, Senior Accountant, Dean Newbery regarding any matters identified during the conduct of the audit.

12:01pm, the GRFMA Executive Officer exited the meeting to enable confidential discussion of the audit process. This procedure occurs annually to ensure transparency in the financial operations of the Authority.

12:10pm, the GRFMA Executive Officer returned to the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

GAC25/09 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved: Cr M Herrmann

Seconded: Mr G Pattinson

That the minutes of the previous GRFMA Audit Committee meeting held on Tuesday 10 June 2025 as per copies supplied to members, be adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Business arising from the Minutes

4.1 Actions on Previous Resolutions

The meeting asked the GRFMA Executive Officer to seek written confirmation from LGA MLS that the GRFMA Chairman, Audit and Risk Committee Chairperson, and Executive Officer are covered by public liability insurance for their GRFMA duties.

Mr Peter Brass, Independent Member and Chairman, requested an electronic copy of the minutes from 3 February 2025 and 10 June 2025 to facilitate signature and certification as true and correct.

5. General Business

5.1 GRFMA 2024/2025 Financial Statements and Audit Report

GAC25/10 GRFMA 2024/2025 Financial Statements and Audit Report

Moved: Mr G Pattinson

Seconded: Cr M Herrmann

That the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee:

1. *Receives and notes the audited Financial Statements as amended for 2024/2025, the Management Representation Letter, and the External Audit Management Letter.*
2. *Approves the 'Certification of Auditor Independence' to be signed by the Audit and Risk Committee Chairman and Executive Officer.*
3. *Recommends that a 'Certification of Auditor Independence' also be signed by the Chief Executive Officer of each Constituent Council.*
4. *Recommends that the audited Financial Statements as amended for 2024/2025 be adopted by the GRFMA Board.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendments to the audited Financial Statements 2024/2025 include:

- Additional wording has been added to Note 1.G to indicate that internal lending is used to offset the outstanding balance of the Cash Advance Debenture (CAD) facility. As of 30 June 2025, the outstanding CAD balance is \$303,388.

Response to items raised in the External Audit Management Letter:

- *Undertake a review of the Confidential Items Register.* - Now provided.
- *Undertake a review of the Solicitors Representation Letter.* - GRFMA Executive Officer to make further inquiries with Solicitors.
- *Undertake a review of subsequent events since balance date.* – Noted.
- *Obtain certified financial statements as required.* To be provided following adoption at the 28 August 2025 GRFMA Meeting.
- *Receipt of the signed Management Representation Letter.* - To be provided following presentation at the 28 August 2025 GRFMA Meeting.
- *Regulation 10 – Report on the financial results for the previous year compared with the estimated financial results set out in the budget presented.* This report to be presented to the October 2025 GRFMA meeting following adoption of the External Audit Report.
- *Regulation 9 – Budget Review 3. Schedule future budget reviews to ensure GRFMA Meetings can consider them within statutory deadlines.*
- *Risk Assessment Review – Insurance Cover Options for the Dam asset in the event of damage, failure, and/or natural disaster – or for third party property damage.* - The GRFMA Executive Officer to facilitate a risk-based assessment that incorporates a formal cost-benefit analysis of available market options.

5.2 GRFMA Annual Report 2024/2025

GAC25/11 GRFMA Annual Report 2024/2025

Moved: Mr G Pattinson

Seconded: Cr M Herrmann

That the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee:

- 1. Receives and notes the GRFMA 2024/2025 Annual Report, as amended.*
- 2. Recommends that the report be adopted by the GRFMA Board and distributed to Constituent Councils.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment

- Amend page 8 of the Annual Report to state: Membership of the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee is for two years, ending 30 June 2026.

5.3 Management Representation Letter

The meeting noted that the content of the Management Representation Letter was not confidential and agreed to consider it in the public meeting procedure.

GAC25/12 Management Representation Letter

Moved: Cr M Herrmann

Seconded: Mr G Pattinson

That the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee note and record consideration of the Management Representation Letter which is to be provided to the 28 August 2025 GRFMA meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was noted page 6 Note (12) to be recorded as *All audit correspondence has been referred to the Authority and Authority's Audit & Risk Committee.*

6. Confidential Items

Nil

7. Other Business

The meeting noted the Adelaide Hills Council's application for Ministerial approval to exit GRFMA membership had not been supported by the Minister for Local Government.

8. Next Meeting

Nominally early October 2025 to consider BR1.

Schedule of Meetings Table

Date	Audit Committee Meeting Schedule	Action
August 2025	Annual Financial Statements – Audit report; 2024/2025 – Auditor to attend.	Completed
October 2025	Operation of the Regional Subsidiary – Business Plan progress. Budget Review 1 variations consideration.	
December 2025	Budget Review 2 variations consideration.	
February 2025	Budget Review 3 variations consideration. External Audit Plan and Schedule 2027.	

9. Closure

The Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and contribution.
The meeting closed at 1:05pm.

Chair _____ Date _____

Agenda Item:	7.1
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	28 August 2025
Title:	GRFMA Technical Assessment Panel Membership

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA seek expressions of interest from relevant Constituent Council staff for appointment to membership of the GRFMA Technical Assessment Panel.

A Technical Assessment Panel has been appointed to support the decision-making processes of the Board.

Delegated powers are to provide advice and manage the technical aspects of the design, assessment, and construction of service proposals provided by other entities/companies and requiring consideration by the GRFMA.

Assessment will include, but not be limited to, the feasibility of proposed works, considered hydrological assessments, appropriateness of costing mechanisms, and known risks.

The GRFMA will refer relevant reports and the scope of services to the Panel for consideration.

The Panel's collective expertise will cover a range of skills and experiences related to flood mitigation, adaptation and, where appropriate, the financing of infrastructure projects.

The Panel will be appointed by the GRFMA and will comprise 6 members consisting of:

The Members of the Panel are:

- Mr Lino Di Lernia, Independent Member, Chairman
- Ms Ingrid Franssen, Flood Management, DEW
- Vacant #, Principal Engineer Dams, SA Water
- Mr Ben Clark, The Barossa Council, Council representative, (1)
- Vacant #, Council representative, (2)
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

SA Water. Discussions have been ongoing with SA Water representatives who advise that they are still considering the relevance of the position to their organisation and options for appointment.

Mr Shaun Fielding has now left the employ of the City of Playford, and a new Constituent Council representative should be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Agenda Item:	8.1
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	28 August 2025
Title:	Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA Board notes the report and receives a verbal update on progress with the Business Case.

Background

The development of a Gawler River Flood Management Business Case is to identify a shared vision and objectives to improve flood management in the Gawler River region.

The Gawler River Flood Management initiative was included in Infrastructure SA's (ISA) Capital Intentions Statement in 2021 as a priority for business case development. Further work was undertaken in conjunction with ISA, project partners, and stakeholders throughout 2021 and 2022 to provide additional information and details regarding the initiative. The work culminated in DEW completing the ISA Assurance Framework (ISAAF) Gate 1 review in May 2022 and the Business Case and Gate 2 review process on 4 December 2023.

The GRFMA is leading ongoing project management from 1 July 2024 to facilitate completion of identified GRFMA responsibilities within the Business Case. DEW remains a participating partner in the management process.

Disaster Ready Fund

As advised at the June 2025 Board meeting, the GRFMA application has been submitted to the Federal Government's Disaster Ready Fund Round 3 (DRF).

The DRF application is a project entitled: Complete the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case to raise the Bruce Eastick North Para Dam by 10 metres and upgrade downstream levee banks.

SAFECOM has now advised that the GRFMA Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) Round 3 application has progressed through to the National Emergency Management Agency for assessment.

Next steps:

- Applications will be assessed by a Commonwealth Panel. The Panel will then make funding recommendations to the Commonwealth Emergency Management Minister.
- The Minister will endorse and announce successful projects for DRF Round 3 (2025-26) from late September/early October 2025.
- SAFECOM will be in touch once application outcomes have been confirmed by the Commonwealth.

GRFMA Business Case Funding Advocacy Group

In December 2023, the GRFMA Board established a Funding Advocacy Group to progress the issues identified arising from Infrastructure SA's review of the Business Case.

Membership of the Funding Advocacy Working Group is:

- Mr Greg Pattinson
- Mr James Miller
- Cr Paul Koch

The GRFMA Chairperson is also to be involved.

The most recent meeting of the group was held Friday, 27 July 2025.

Key points of discussion at the meeting included:

- Status update on funding applications.
- Consideration of a decision tree to determine suitable funding scenarios.
- Possible impacts of new flood modelling (yet to be undertaken) on dam design.
- Political credibility of the GRFMA, notably correspondence from Hon Joe Szakacs, MP, Minister for Local Government, advising of his decision not to approve the Adelaide Hills Council application to withdraw from the GRFMA.

After the meeting, GRFMA Chairman, Mr Lino Di Lernia, and Executive Officer, Mr David Hitchcock, have been working on a framework for the Business Case completion. This framework features decision-tree guidance, funding models, and identifies potential sources of funding.

A confidential presentation on the considerations will be provided to the 28/8/2025 GRFMA meeting.

Refer to confidential agenda item 10.1.

Agenda Item:	8.2
Committee:	GRFMA
Meeting Date:	28 August 2025
Title:	GRFMA 2024/2025 Financial Statements and Audit Report

Recommendation:**That:**

- 1. The audited Financial Statements for the year 2024/2025 be adopted for the purposes of Part 4 Financial Statements of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.**
 - 2. The 'Certification of Auditor Independence' be signed by the GRFMA Board Chairman.**
 - 3. The 'Certification of Financial Statements' be signed by the GRFMA Board Chairman and Executive Officer.**
 - 4. The Chief Executive Officer of each Constituent Council be requested to sign the 'Certification of Auditor Independence'.**
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External Auditors, Dean Newbery and Partners have undertaken the 2024/2025 audit of the financial report of the GRFMA.

A net operating loss of (\$429,591) has resulted.

Adding back unfunded depreciation of \$706,099 results in a net surplus of \$276,508 for the financial year (see Financial Statements Notes 6 and 11). Rounding applies.

The cash surplus of \$276,508 mainly includes \$224,388 from the unused Business Case budget, a \$50,000 CAD principal payment, and a minor remaining cash excess.

Attached are:

1. Copies of the audited GRFMA Financial Statements 2024/2025
2. Statement of Auditor's Independence
3. External Audit Management Letter
4. Management Representation Letter

The purpose of the External Audit Management letter is to provide the Authority with a summary of the significant matters that have arisen from the audit, which covers material matters dealt within work completed: and to advise a sufficient level of work has been completed to provide the expected audit opinion subject to finalisation of the outstanding matters outlined within the report.

It is expected that an unmodified audit report will be issued, subject to the successful completion of the outstanding matters noted.

Refer to Agenda Item 6.1 GRFMA 12/8/2025 Audit and Risk Committee minutes, which records that the committee:

- Received and noted the audited Financial Statements as amended for 2024/2025, the Management Representation Letter and the External Audit Management Letter.

- Approved the 'Certification of Auditor Independence' to be signed by the Audit and Risk Committee Chairman and Executive Officer.
- Recommended that a 'Certification of Auditor Independence' also be signed by the Chief Executive Officer of each Constituent Council.
- Recommended that the audited Financial Statements, as amended for 2024/2025, be adopted by the GRFMA Board.
- Received and noted the GRFMA 2024/2025 Annual Report and the Management Representation Letter, which is to be provided to the 28 August 2025 GRFMA meeting

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
Annual Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2025

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been authorised by the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority to certify the financial statements in their final form.

In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Authority's financial position at 30 June 2025 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Authority provide a reasonable assurance that the Authority's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Authority's accounting and other records.

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David Hitchcock
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Lino Di Lernia
CHAIRPERSON/INDEPENDENT MEMBER

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025 \$	2024 \$
INCOME			
Subscriptions	4	416,922	289,386
Investment income		1,426	762
State Government Grants	3	85,094	-
Other Income		-	270,520
Total Income		<u>503,442</u>	<u>560,668</u>
EXPENSES			
Contractual Services	5	175,815	421,404
Finance Charges		6,439	23,069
Depreciation	1(e), 9	706,098	706,099
Other		44,681	31,955
Total Expenses		<u>933,033</u>	<u>1,182,526</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(429,591)	(621,858)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		<u>(429,591)</u>	<u>(621,858)</u>
Other Comprehensive Income			
<i>Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</i>			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	1(e), 9	-	21,699,347
Total Other Comprehensive Income		<u>-</u>	<u>21,699,347</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		<u>(429,591)</u>	<u>21,077,489</u>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025 \$	2024 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	1(d)	24,685	41,309
Trade and Other Receivables		53,433	210,404
Total Current Assets		<u>78,118</u>	<u>251,713</u>
Non-current Assets			
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	1(e) 9	41,900,845	42,606,943
Total Non-current Assets		<u>41,900,845</u>	<u>42,606,943</u>
Total Assets		<u>41,978,963</u>	<u>42,858,657</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables		99,485	201,605
Borrowings	1(g)	5,404	353,388
Total Liabilities		<u>104,890</u>	<u>554,993</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>41,874,073</u>	<u>42,303,664</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		11,509,753	11,939,344
Asset Revaluation Reserves	1(e)	30,364,320	30,364,320
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>41,874,073</u>	<u>42,303,664</u>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY as at 30 June 2025

		Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	TOTAL EQUITY
2025	Notes	\$	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		11,939,344	30,364,320	42,303,664
Restated opening balance		11,939,344	30,364,320	42,303,664
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(429,591)	-	(429,591)
Other Comprehensive Income				
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	-	-
Transfers between reserves		-	-	-
Balance at end of period		11,509,753	30,364,320	41,874,073
2024				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		12,561,202	8,664,973	21,226,175
Restated opening balance		12,561,202	8,664,973	21,226,175
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(621,858)	-	(621,858)
Other Comprehensive Income				
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	21,699,347	21,699,347
Balance at end of period		11,939,344	30,364,320	42,303,664

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

as at 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025 \$	2024 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Subscriptions		416,922	305,428
State Government Grants		165,482	-
Other Income		11,044	275,151
Interest Receipts		1,354	811
<u>Payments</u>			
Contractual Services			
Materials, contracts & other expenditure		(251,426)	(459,576)
Finance Charges		(12,016)	(22,979)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	8	<u>331,360</u>	<u>98,835</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		-	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of borrowings		(347,983)	(87,021)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		<u>(347,983)</u>	<u>(87,021)</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		<u>(16,623)</u>	<u>11,814</u>
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		41,309	29,496
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	8	<u>24,685</u>	<u>41,309</u>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

**Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2025**

Note 1 – Summary of Material Accounting Policy Information

a) The Local Government Reporting Entity

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations and relevant South Australian legislation.

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority is a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999. The Constituent Councils are the Adelaide Hills Council, The Barossa Council, Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, Adelaide Plains Council and The City of Playford.

All funds received and expended by the Authority have been included in the financial statements forming part of this financial report.

b) Basis of Accounting

This financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuation of non-current assets.

c) Employees

The Authority has no employees.

d) Cash

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash deposits which are readily convertible to cash on hand and which are used in the cash management function on a day to day basis, net of outstanding bank overdraft.

e) Infrastructure Assets

Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition. All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including architects' fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Authority includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

Infrastructure Dam

The Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam was constructed in 2007. The valuation includes all materials, contractor's costs plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including engineering design and supervision fees and all other costs incurred.

Land

Land includes the land on which the dam is constructed, rights of way access to the land and 'right to flood' easements over the land upstream from the dam that will be inundated by dam waters for short periods of time during a flood event. Additional Land surrounding the dam was purchased in 2017/18 and was revalued by North Projects Pty Ltd as at 1 July 2023.

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Subsequent Recognition

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Significant uncertainties exist in the estimation of fair value of a number of asset classes including land and infrastructure. Further detail of these uncertainties, and of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided below.

The Board sought an independent valuation to be applied as at 1st July 2023, of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam. The Board recognises that the dam is a unique infrastructure. The Board sought the advice of North Projects Pty Ltd, who provided a replacement cost valuation based on the actual construction contract costs, including some 'owner's costs' which would be incurred in the event of a replacement being necessary. In accordance with Accounting Standard (AASB)13 Fair Value Measurement, the valuation was undertaken as at 1 July 2023 and recorded as a level 3 restricted asset valuation. The next Valuation is scheduled to be undertaken in 2028/2029. Fair value level 3 valuations of buildings, infrastructure and other assets – There is no known market for these assets and they are valued at depreciated current replacement cost.

The method involves:

The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for materials and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar Councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate. The calculation of the depreciation that would have accumulated since original construction using current estimates of residual value and useful life under the straight line depreciation method adopted by the Authority. The method has significant inherent uncertainties, relying on estimates of quantities of materials and labour, residual values and useful lives, and the possibility of changes in prices for materials and labour, and the potential for development of more efficient construction techniques.

Depreciation

Other than land, all infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of the Authority, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values of classes of assets are reviewed annually.

Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are listed below. Depreciation periods for infrastructure assets have been estimated based on the best information available to the Authority, but appropriate records covering the entire life cycle of these assets are not available, and extreme care should be used in interpreting financial information based on these estimates.

Asset Classes

- Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam 80 years.
- Dam Renewals/improvements 15 years.
- Access Road 15 years.

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Impairment

Assets whose future economic benefits are not dependent on the ability to generate cash flows, and where the future economic benefits would be replaced if the Authority were deprived thereof, are not subject to impairment testing. Other assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount (which is the higher of the present value of future cash inflows or value in use). Where an asset that has been revalued is subsequently impaired, the impairment is first offset against such amount as stands to the credit of that class of assets in Asset Revaluation Reserve, any excess being recognised as an expense.

An impairment has occurred due to the revaluation of Land in 2023.

f) Revenue

The Authority recognises revenue under AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058) or AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) when appropriate.

In cases where there is an 'enforceable' contract with a customer with 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 where income is recognised when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied (i.e. when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer). Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Authority expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer.

In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when a not-for-profit (NFP) entity enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. The excess of the asset recognised (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately, except in the case where a financial asset has been received to enable the authority to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset that is to be controlled by the authority. In this case, the authority recognises the excess as a liability that is recognised over time in profit and loss when (or as) the entity satisfies its obligations under the transfer.

Revenue from the Subscriptions is recognised upon the delivery of the service to customers.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

g) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates, and is recorded as part of "Payables"

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Internal lending is used to offset the outstanding balance of the Cash Advance Debenture (CAD) facility if this had not been utilised in the financial year the balance of the CAD at the 30/6/25 would have been \$303,388.

I) Economic Dependence

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) was formed as a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 in August 2002, by a Charter that was amended and published in The South Australian Government Gazette on 27th February 2020 at page 474.

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) is dependent upon subscriptions levied on the Constituent Councils in accordance with Clause 10.2 of the Charter to fund the construction, operation and maintenance of flood mitigation infrastructure of the Authority which it owns and manages.

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
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Note 2 - Schedule of Constituent Council's Interest in Net Assets as at 30th June 2025

Prepared to meet the requirements of Clause 16.6 of the Charter

"The 'Schedule of Constituent Councils' Interests in Net Assets' will reflect the proportionate contribution each Constituent Council has made to the growth of the net assets of the Authority having regard to the proportionate contribution to subscriptions. The Schedule when updated by the Board at the end of each financial year will reflect the proportionate contribution of each Constituent Council since the commencement of the Authority and once accepted by each Constituent Council will be evidence of the agreed proportion of a Constituent Council's interests in the net assets as at 30 June in that year."

For the purposes of this Clause all subscriptions by Constituent Councils have been included.

Calculation of Net Equity

Assets

Investments / Debtors	\$ 78,118
Infrastructure, property plant & Equipment	<u>\$ 41,900,845</u>
	\$ 41,978,963

Less Liabilities

Accounts Payable / Creditors	\$ 99,485
Borrowings	<u>\$ 5,404</u>
NET EQUITY	\$ 41,874,073

Allocation of Councils Interest in Net Assets

Constituent Councils	Accumulated Subscriptions for Operations to 30 June 2025 \$	Accumulated Subscriptions for Maintenance to 30 June 2025 \$	Accumulated Subscriptions for Scheme Works to 30 June 2025 \$	All Subscriptions to 30 June 2025 \$	Percentage of Contributions to the Total	Council's Interests in Net Assets \$
Adelaide Hills Council	325,048	8,766	76,527	410,341	5.97%	2,500,504
The Barossa Council	325,048	43,912	383,250	752,210	10.95%	4,583,760
Town of Gawler	325,048	87,784	765,408	1,178,240	17.15%	7,179,868
Light Regional Council	325,048	43,912	383,250	752,210	10.95%	4,583,760
Adelaide Plains Council	325,048	146,409	1,275,673	1,747,130	25.43%	10,646,527
City of Playford	325,048	175,664	1,530,826	2,031,542	29.55%	12,379,654
	1,950,292	506,447	4,414,934	6,871,673	100%	41,874,073

Schedule of Constituent Councils' Interests in Net Assets' as at the 30th June 2025 adopted by the Board in accordance with Clause 16.6 of the Charter on 28 August 2025.

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Note 3 - Functions / Activities of the Authority

a) Revenues and expenses have been attributed to the following functions / activities, descriptions of which are set out in Note b.

b) The activities of the Authority are categorised into the following function / activities:

Administration: The operations of the Authority and its Board

Other Environment: Flood Mitigation

c) Functions of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
(excluding depreciation and impairment)

	Year	Revenue		Expenses		Surplus (Deficit)
		Grants \$	Other \$	Total Revenue \$	Expenses Total \$	
Administration	2025	-	278,798	278,798	118,227	160,571
	2024	-	150,490	150,490	102,537	47,953
Other	2025	85,094	139,550	224,644	108,708	115,936
Environment:						
Flood Mitigation	2024	-	410,178	410,178	373,890	36,288
Total	2025	85,094	418,348	503,442	226,935	276,507
	2024	-	560,668	560,668	476,427	84,241

Note 4 - Subscriptions

The following subscriptions were levied on the Constituent Councils in accordance with Clause 10.2 of the Charter for the year:

	Maintenance		Operations		TOTALS	
	2025 \$	2024 \$	2025 \$	2024 \$	2025 \$	2024 \$
Constituent Council						
Adelaide Hills Council	2,414	1,418	46,228	24,638	48,642	27,326
The Barossa Council	12,099	12,117	46,228	24,638	58,327	37,055
Town of Gawler	24,198	24,334	46,228	24,638	70,426	49,172
Light Regional Council	12,099	12,117	46,228	24,638	58,327	37,055
Adelaide Plains Council	40,330	40,390	46,228	24,638	86,558	65,328
City of Playford	48,410	48,485	46,232	24,638	94,642	73,420
TOTAL	139,550	139,758	277,372	149,628	416,922	289,386

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Note 5- Contractual Services

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Chairperson Honorarium	20,400	14,032
Executive Officer	62,977	59,981
Audit Committee	2,600	3,250
Audit Fees	5,799	5,509
Legal Fees	-	1,545
Consultancies	18,427	47,687
Business Case	65,612	270,420
Asset Valuations	-	18,980
Totals	175,815	421,404

Note 6 - Comparison of Budget and Actual Results (excluding depreciation)

	2025		2024	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue				
Administration	278,341	278,798	151,514	150,490
Other Environment: Flood Mitigation	139,550	139,550	410,178	410,178
State Grant	156,000	85,094	146,000	-
Total Revenue	573,891	503,442	707,692	560,668
Expenditure				
Administration	117,315	118,227	105,073	102,537
Other Environment: Flood Mitigation	310,000	83,842	340,178	284,155
Maintenance	94,750	24,866	116,080	89,735
Total Expenditure	522,065	226,935	561,331	476,427
Surplus (deficit)	51,826	276,507	146,361	84,241

Note 7 - Expenditure Commitment

- i. GRFMA agreed to the engagement of David Hitchcock trading as LUVROK Pty Ltd to provide executive services to the GRFMA for the period 1 July 2023 through 31 December 2027.

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
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Note 8 - Reconciliation Statement of Cash Flows

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Total cash & equivalent assets	<u>24,685</u>	<u>41,309</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement	<u>24,685</u>	<u>41,309</u>

(b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities

Net Surplus (Deficit)	(429,591)	(475,858)
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	<u>706,099</u>	<u>706,099</u>
	276,508	230,241
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	156,971	(119,279)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	<u>(102,120)</u>	<u>(12,127)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	<u>331,360</u>	<u>98,835</u>

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
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Note 9 - Non-Current Assets Summary

		2025				2024			
		At Fair Value \$	At Cost \$	Accum Dep'n \$	Carrying Amount \$	At Fair Value \$	At Cost \$	Accum Dep'n \$	Carrying Amount \$
	Fair Value Level								
Land and Easements		477,000	-	-	477,000	477,000	-	-	477,000
Infrastructure - Dam	3	53,559,054	-	(12,135,209)	41,423,845	53,559,054	-	(11,429,110)	42,129,944
Total Infrastructure Property Plant & Equipment		54,036,054	-	(12,135,209)	41,900,845	54,036,054	-	(11,429,110)	42,606,944
Comparatives		54,036,054	-	(11,429,110)	42,606,944	25,789,000	591,880	(4,767,184)	21,613,696

	2024	Carrying Amount Movements During the Year							2025
		Additions							
	Carrying Amount \$	New / Upgrade \$	Renewals \$	Disposals \$	Depreciation \$	Impairment \$	Transfers \$	Net Valuation \$	Carrying Amount \$
Land and Easements	477,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	477,000
Infrastructure - Dam	42,129,944	-	-	-	(706,099)	-	-	-	41,423,845
Total Infrastructure Property Plant & Equipment	42,606,944	-	-	-	(706,099)	-	-	-	41,900,845
Comparatives	21,613,696	-	-	-	(706,099)	-	-	21,699,347	42,606,944

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
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Note 10 - Financial Instruments

All financial instruments are categorised as *loans and receivables*.

Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, interest is recognised when earned Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 4.15% and 4.55% (2024: 4.30% and 4.55%). Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.
Receivables - Fees & other charges	Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although the authority is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Authorities boundaries. Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Authority. Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms. Carrying amount: approximates fair value.
Liabilities – Interest Bearing Borrowings	Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently amortised cost, interest is charged as an expense using the effective interest rate. Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable; interest is charged at fixed or variable rates between 5.50% and 6.15% (2024: 6.05% and 6.15%). Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Liquidity Analysis

2025	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<u>Financial Assets</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	24,685	-	-	24,685	24,685
Receivables	53,433	-	-	53,433	53,433
Total	78,118	-	-	78,118	78,118
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	99,348	-	-	99,348	99,348
Borrowings	137	-	5,404	5,541	5,404
Total	99,485	-	5,404	104,889	104,752

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2024	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<u>Financial Assets</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	41,309	-	-	41,309	41,309
Receivables	210,404	-	-	210,404	210,404
Total	251,713	-	-	251,713	251,713
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	195,605	-	-	195,605	195,605
Borrowings	91,733	323,883	3,596	419,212	353,388
Total	287,338	323,883	3,596	614,817	548,993

The following interest rates were applicable to the Authority's Borrowings at balance date:

	2025		2024
	Weighted Av Interest Rate	Carrying Value \$	Weighted Av Interest Rate
			Carrying Value \$
Variable Interest Rates	5.50%	5,404	6.15%
		5,404	353,388

Risk Exposures:

Credit Risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Authority is the carrying amount, net of any impairment. All Authority investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Exposure in relation to individual classes of receivables is concentrated within the Authorities boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

Market Risk is the risk that fair values of financial assets will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices. All of the Authority's financial assets are denominated in Australian dollars and are not traded on any market, and hence neither market risk nor currency risk apply.

Liquidity Risk is the risk that Authority will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates.

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Authority has a balance of both fixed and variable interest rate borrowings and investments. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk averse manner.

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Note 11 Uniform Presentation of Financial Statements

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Authority prepared on a simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis.

All Local Government Councils and Authorities have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Authorities finances.

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY					
UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS					
as at 30 June 2025					
		2025		2024	
		\$		\$	
Income					
Subscriptions		416,922		289,386	
Investment income		1,426		762	
State Government Grants		85,094			
Other Income				270,520	
Total Income		503,442		560,668	
Expenses					
Contractual Services		175,815		421,404	
Finance Charges		6,439		23,069	
Depreciation		706,098		706,099	
Other		44,681		31,955	
Total Expenses		933,033		1,182,527	
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		(429,591)		(621,859)	
Less Net Outlays in Existing Assets					
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets		-		-	
Add back Depreciation Amortisation and Impairment		706,098		706,099	
Add back proceeds from sale of replaced assets		-		-	
		706,098		706,099	
Less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets					
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets		-		-	
Add back amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		-		-	
		-		-	
Annual net impact to financing activities (surplus / (deficit))		276,508		84,240	

Note 12 – Contingencies & Assets & Liabilities not recognised in the Balance Sheet

There are no contingencies, asset or liabilities not recognised in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

**Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2025**

Note 13 - Events Occurring After Reporting Date

There were no events subsequent to 30 June 2025 that need to be disclosed in the financial statements.

Note 14 - Related Parties Disclosures

Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) include the Chairman, Board Members, Deputy Board Members and Executive Officer.

Two KMP's own businesses from which Services were contracted. Total contracted services from these businesses was \$83,377.

	Amounts received from Related Party during the financial year	Amounts received from Related Party during the financial year
	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Adelaide Hills Council	53,506	57,551
The Barossa Council	64,160	97,983
Town of Gawler	77,469	135,505
Light Regional Council	84,540	77,602
Adelaide Plains Council	95,214	129,061
City of Playford	104,106	137,962
TOTAL	478,995	635,664

The Authority has been established for the following purposes:

1. To co-ordinate the construction, operation and maintenance of flood mitigation infrastructure for the Gawler River. This purpose is the core business of the Authority;
2. To raise finance for the purpose of developing, managing and operating and maintaining works approved by the board;
3. To provide a forum for the discussion and consideration of topics relating to the Constituent Council's obligations and responsibilities in relation to management of flood mitigation for the Gawler River;
4. Upon application of one or more Constituent Councils pursuant to clause 12.4:
 1. to coordinate the construction, maintenance and promotion and enhancement of the Gawler River and areas adjacent to the Gawler River as recreational open space for the adjacent communities: and
 2. to enter into agreements with one or more of the Constituent Councils for the purpose of managing and developing the Gawler River.

7 August 2025

Mr Peter Brass
Chair – Audit & Risk Committee
Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

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Dear Mr Brass

RE: External Audit Management Letter - Financial Year Ended 30 June 2025

We are pleased to report that we have completed our external audit of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (**Authority**) for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

The purpose of this report is to provide members the Audit & Risk Committee a summary of the significant matters that have arisen from our audit which we believe covers material matters dealt within our work completed.

As at the time of preparing this report, we have completed a sufficient level of work to enable us to provide you with our expected audit opinion subject to finalisation of the outstanding matters outlined within this report.

We are pleased to report that we expect to issue an unmodified audit report subject to the successful completion of the outstanding matters noted.

1. Executive Summary

1.1 Scope

The audit procedures have been designed and carried out by the audit team in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and per the audit scope prescribed under the *Local Government Act 1999* and applicable Regulations for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

1.2 Audit Status

All requested audit adjustments have been processed and disclosures within the financial report appropriately modified based on audit testing completed.

All requested information has been provided by the Administration during the course of the audit.

Subject to the finalisation of the matters outlined in this report, our audit opinion for the financial year ended 30 June 2025 will be signed without reference to any qualification.

1.3 Independence

In accordance with our professional ethical requirements, we confirm that for the financial year ended 30 June 2025, all members of our audit team have maintained their independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Part 4A, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board and in accordance with *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

1.4 Outstanding Matters

Subject to the following work being satisfactorily completed, we expect an unmodified audit opinion to be issued for the financial year:

- Undertake a review of the Confidential Items Register.
- Undertake a review of the Solicitors Representation Letter.
- Undertake a review of subsequent events since balance date.
- Obtain certified financial statements as required.
- Receipt of the signed Management Representation Letter.

2. Summary of Misstatements

Audit procedures did not identify any material misstatements.

3. Key Audit Matters Considered

3.1 Management Override of Internal Controls

The Australian Auditing Standards mandate that the external auditor must assume there is a risk that the Authority's Administration can override internal controls, even those that appear to be functioning effectively, leading to potential manipulation of accounting records.

The following audit work was undertaken:

- Review and observation of controls in operation to assess whether controls are operating effectively as intended throughout the period.
- Perform analytical reviews and recalculation of transactions.
- Test the appropriateness of journal entries processed to prepare the financial statements.
- Review of accounting estimates and assumptions applied to the preparation of those estimates to evaluate its appropriateness and relevance.

No matters were identified during the course of our audit as a result of sample testing conducted.

3.2 Accounting for Grant Income

The following audit work was undertaken:

- Examined the key assumptions used in recognising and treating grant income to ensure it is appropriately recognised and classified (e.g. operating versus capital) in accordance with *AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities* and the Model Financial Statements.

Our audit procedures have not identified any material misstatements.

3.3 Budget Review – Compliance with Regulations

Audit procedures identified the following:

- Regulation 10 – Report on the financial results - the Authority did not prepare a report showing the audited financial results of each item shown in the statement of comprehensive income and balance sheet of the budgeted financial statements for the previous year compared with the estimated financial results set out in the budget presented in a manner consistent with the Model Financial Statements for the 2023/24 financial year.

- Regulation 9 – Budget Review 3 – The budget review was adopted on 19/06/2025 which is past the statutory deadline date being 30/05/2025.

The non-compliance matters noted above are deemed minor and recommend that the Board and Audit & Risk Committee note these matters so that they can be address moving forward.

4. Other Matters for Those Charged with Governance and Management

4.1 Risk Assessment Review – Insurance Cover Options

Our review of the insurance cover held by the Authority identified that the Dam asset may not be insured for reinstatement in the event of damage, failure, and/or natural disaster – or for third party property damage.

Given the critical nature of the asset and the potential consequences of a seriously adverse event, we recommend that the Board and the Audit & Risk Committee assess insurance options to ensure that risks are appropriately considered.

A risk-based assessment should clearly identify a formal ‘cost benefit’ considered approach to available market placed options.

Conclusion

I would like to thank the Authority’s Administration for the assistance provided during the course of the financial year.

Should you require further information, please contact me on 8267 4777 or samanthac@deannewbery.com.au.

Yours sincerely

DEAN NEWBERY



Samantha Creten
Director

C. Executive Officer

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CONFIDENTIAL
DATE 28 August 2025

Samantha Creten
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Dean Newbery
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Dear Samantha

Management Representations: External Audit, Financial Year Ended 30 June 2025

This Management Representation letter is provided in connection with your audit examination of the General Purpose Financial Report (**2025 Financial Report**) of The Gawler River Flood Management Authority ('**the Authority**') for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

We hereby confirm, at your formal request, that to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations relating to the 2025 Financial Report are correct.

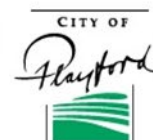
In making these representations, we understand that they are provided to you in connection with your external audit of the Authority for the year ended 30 June 2025 as prescribed by the Local Government Act 1999, for the express purpose of your expressing an opinion as to whether the 2025 Financial Report is, in all material respects, presented fairly in accordance with all applicable standards and requirements, including statutory. In making these representations, we have read and understood the standard unqualified Audit Opinion that would be normally expressed to the Authority by you as is required under Section 129(3) of the Local Government Act 1999 for the financial year ended 30 June 2025. We therefore understand, without exception, the potential ramifications of making any representations to you that are not correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief as of the date of this letter.

We understand and acknowledge that it is the Authority management's responsibility for the fair presentation of the 2025 Financial Report and that management, as appropriate, have approved the Financial Report. Accordingly, management of the Authority are of the opinion that the 2025 Financial Report is free of material misstatements, including omissions.



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1. Compliance with all Applicable Standards, including Statutory

The Financial Report of the Authority has been prepared so as to present a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 30 June 2025 and of the results of operations of the Authority for the financial year ended on that date, including for all post balance date matters, as applicable.

The accounting and financial management policies, practices and records of the Authority were at all times maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and that the Financial Report was prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011, Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board together with all other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents

- (1) Cash on hand at balance date was represented by cash floats reconciled and on hand as at 30 June 2025.
- (2) Cash at bank at balance date represented the reconciled operating account(s) of the Authority.
- (3) Short term deposits represented amounts held with the LGFA by the Authority.

Trade and Other Receivables

- (1) Current trade receivables at balance date represented all outstanding amounts owed by debtors.
- (2) Current other receivables at balance date represented all outstanding amounts owed by debtors.
- (3) Debts due at balance date that are known to be uncollectible have since been written-off and adequate provision has been made for impairment to cover allowances, discounts and losses that may be sustained by Authority in the collection of the debts

Inventories.

- (1) All inventories were the property of the Authority and have either been paid for or the liability has been brought to account.
- (2) All inventories have been physically counted and valued in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standard.

Other Current Assets

NA.

Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment and Depreciation

- (1) Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment at the 2025 balance date was represented by the following fair values, cost, accumulated depreciation and carrying amounts for each class of asset, in accordance with all prescribed requirements and standards, as follows:

		2025				2024			
		Fair Value Level	At Fair Value \$	At Cost \$	Accum Dep'n \$	Carrying Amount \$	At Fair Value \$	At Cost \$	Accum Dep'n \$
Land and Easements		477,000	-	-	477,000	477,000	-	-	477,000
Infrastructure - Dam	3	53,559,054	-	(12,135,209)	41,423,845	53,559,054	-	(11,429,110)	42,129,944
Total Infrastructure Property Plant & Equipment		54,036,054	-	(12,135,209)	41,900,845	54,036,054	-	(11,429,110)	42,606,944
Comparatives		54,036,054	-	(11,429,110)	42,606,944	25,789,000	591,880	(4,767,184)	21,613,696

	2024 Carrying Amount \$	Carrying Amount Movements During the Year							2025 Carrying Amount \$
		Additions		Disposals \$	Depreciation \$	Impairment \$	Transfers \$	Net Valuation \$	
		New / Upgrade \$	Renewals \$						
Land and Easements	477,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	477,000
Infrastructure - Dam	42,129,944	-	-	-	(706,099)	-	-	-	41,423,845
Total Infrastructure Property Plant & Equipment	42,606,944	-	-	-	(706,099)	-	-	-	41,900,845
Comparatives	21,613,696	-	-	-	(706,099)	-	-	21,699,347	42,606,944

- (2) The additions during the 2025 financial year to Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment general ledger control accounts and asset registers represents the cost of additions and or improvements to existing facilities or replacements thereof. All units of property which have been replaced, sold, dismantled or otherwise disposed of, or which are permanently unusable, have been removed from general ledger and applicable asset register. Adequate provision, determined in a manner consistent with that of the preceding financial year, has been made to write-off depreciable assets over their useful economic working lives.

No circumstances have arisen which render adherence to the existing basis of depreciation misleading or inappropriate and that depreciation expense for the financial year ended 30 June 2025 is reliable.

- (3) All additions to depreciable assets represent actual additions or improvements of a capital nature, based on capitalisation thresholds consistently applied for the 2025 financial year and unchanged from the 2024 financial year.
- (4) Where the recorded carrying amount of any depreciable assets exceeds its recoverable amount as at 30 June 2025, that asset's recorded carrying amount has been written down to its recoverable amount.
- (5) Contractual commitments for capital expenditure(s) included in the Financial Report payable not later than one year are as described in the notes accompanying the Financial Report.
- (6) There are no deficiencies or encumbrances attaching to the title of the assets of the Authority at 30 June 2025 other than those reflected in the financial report and those are not greater than the value of the asset.
- (7) No Operating or Finance Lease commitments exist that have not been disclosed in the Financial Report. All Operating Lease expenses have been fully disclosed in the notes to the 2025 Statement of Comprehensive Income. Finance Leasing commitments have been fully disclosed in the notes to the 2025 Balance Sheet.
- (8) The asset revaluations of all land and buildings owned by the Authority were undertaken by independent valuers Town and Country Valuers on 11th April 2024.

Valuations have been formally accepted by Authority and recognised in the 2025 Financial Report.
- (9) Depreciation expense reported in the 2025 Statement of Comprehensive Income is reliable, being based on reliable 'whole of life' asset management information for each class of depreciable non-current asset.

LIABILITIES – Current and Non-Current

- (1) All liabilities which have arisen or which will arise out of the activities of the Authority to the end of the 2025 financial year have been included in the 2025 Financial Report.
- (2) All outstanding trade payables at balance date have been taken up as at the 2025 balance date.
- (3) All accrued interest at the 2025 balance date have been taken up.
- (4) All revenue received in advance as at the 2025 balance date have been taken up.
- (5) Borrowings as at the 2025 balance date represented amounts owed to the Local Government Finance Authority
- (6) There were no contingent liabilities including for:
 - a) guarantees;

- b) bills and accounts receivable discounted, assigned or sold and which are subject to recourse;
 - c) endorsements;
 - d) pending law suits, unsatisfied judgements or claims;
 - e) repurchase agreements; or
- f) contractual disputes between the Authority and any contractor / service provider that may result in an increased liability as at 30 June 2025; which are not fully disclosed in the notes to the 2025 Financial Report.

EQUITY

- (1) There have been no adjustments to the Accumulated Surplus other than those allowable under the Australian Accounting Standards.
- (2) There have been no adjustments to the Asset Revaluation Reserve other those allowable under the Australian Accounting standards and the balance of the reserve has been reconciled to each class of asset.
- (3) All reserve funds required by legislation to be maintained have been at all times maintained in the accounting records of the Authority .
- (4) All transfers to and from reserve funds (including the Accumulated Surplus) have been prior authorised by Authority .
- (5) Other than for the Asset Revaluation Reserve, all other reserve accounts are those applied for 2025 Authority budget purposes and have the same balances as at 30 June 2025.

2025 STATEMENT OF COMPREHESIVE INCOME

- (1) Please find attached a summary of all variations greater than 10% for all income and expense amounts (variances less than \$5,000 have been deemed immaterial and not included) disclosed in the 2025 Statement of Comprehensive Income, compared to 2024.
- (2) Please find enclosed a summary of all 2025 amounts that have been re-classified in the 2025 Statement of Comprehensive Income, including the reasons for the reclassification.
- (3) All depreciable physical resources received free of charge have been included in the appropriate asset register and depreciated from the date when Authority assumed control (of the asset.
- (4) Depreciation expense for 2025 is in accordance with Authority's asset registers and has been determined on the same basis as for 2024.

OTHER REQUIRED REPRESENTATIONS

- (1) No events have occurred (or are known to occur) subsequent to the 30 June 2025 that would require any consideration for adjustment to or additional disclosure in the 2025 Financial Report.
- (2) The Authority does not have any plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of all assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2025.
- (3) The Authority has complied with all aspects of contractual arrangements and agreements that would have a material effect on the 2025 Financial Report in the event of non-compliance.
- (4) There were no material commitments for construction or acquisition of property, plant and equipment or to acquire other non-current assets, other than those disclosed in the 2025 Financial Report.
- (5) There are no violations or possible violations of laws, compulsory standards or regulations whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the 2025 Financial Report or as a basis for recording as an expense or otherwise.
- (6) The methods, the data, and the significant assumptions used in making accounting estimates, and their related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement or disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.
- (7) The Authority has full title to all assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- (8) All details concerning related party transactions and related amounts receivable or payable (including sales, purchases, loans and guarantees) have been correctly recorded in the accounting records. All related parties have been identified and disclosed to you during your audit.
- (9) The Authority reviews, at least on an annual basis, the adequacy of insurance cover on all assets and insurable risks. This review has been consistently performed, and where it is considered appropriate, assets and insurable risks of the Authority are at all times adequately covered by appropriate insurance.
- (10) The minutes of all meetings of Authority and its Committees were made available to you and are complete and authentic records of all such meetings held during the 2025 financial year and to the date of this letter. All other statutory records were properly kept at all times during the year and have been made available to you for audit purposes.
- (11) All audit correspondence has been formally and promptly responded.
- (12) All audit correspondence has been referred to Authority and Authority's Audit & Risk.

- (13) All documentation relating to the capture of Related Party Disclosures and Transactions (AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures) including all authorised forms provided by the deemed Key Management Personnel, evidence of review of total related party transactions processed during the financial year by the Authority e.g. Transaction reports of payments made by Authority to related parties and any working papers of calculation methodologies for the disclosures in the 30 June 2025 financial statements have been made available to the auditors.
- (14) All deemed material transactions relating to Related Party Disclosures and Transactions (AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures) have been included and adequately disclosed in the 30 June 2025 financial statements.
- (15) Authority has formally in place and has at all times maintained an appropriate standard of accounting, internal control structure and framework, segregation of duties and risk management structure and framework across the entire organisation, including appropriate controls and mechanisms specifically designed to prevent and detect fraud and error. Further, we advise that there have not been any instances of fraud or error during the financial year ended 30 June 2025 or to the date of this letter. In addition, there are no matters that should be brought to your attention for the purposes of your making an assessment as to Sections 129(5) and 129(6) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.
- (16) The Authority's Audit & Risk Committee has addressed all of its prescribed responsibilities and no member of the Committee has undertaken other professional services for the Authority.
- (17) In our opinion, there are no grounds to believe that the Authority will not be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due, that assets will be at all time maintained to the service standards currently determined by Authority and accordingly, the Authority is long term financially sustainable.

Yours sincerely



David Hitchcock
Executive Officer

Agenda Item: 8.3
Committee: GRFMA Board
Meeting Date: 28 August 2025
Title: GRFMA Annual Report 2024/2025

Recommendation:

That GRFMA 2024/2025 Annual Report be adopted and that a copy be distributed to Constituent Councils.

The Annual Report of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority has been prepared for the period 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025.

It has been prepared pursuant to Clause 17 of the Charter, which requires that the Authority must submit an annual report on its work and operations, including its audited financial statements, to each Constituent Council before 30 September.

See attached for a copy of the GRFMA 2024/2025 Annual Report.

Note: the 2024/2025 Annual Financial Statements are to be inserted in the report following consideration and adoption of the recommendation of agenda Item 8.2 of the 28/08/2025 GRFMA Board meeting.



The Barossa Council

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

DRAFT FOR ADOPTION 28 August 2025

Constituent Councils:

Adelaide Hills Council

Adelaide Plains Council

The Barossa Council

Town of Gawler

Light Regional Council

City of Playford

Gawler



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Chairman's Report

As was the case last year, the focus of the 2024/25 year has been to finalise the Business Case that was developed by the Department of Environment and Water (DEW) to recommend a suite of measures to improve flood protection in the Gawler River environs. Another key objective for this past year has been to finalise the Stormwater Management Plan for the environs.

Significant progress has been achieved on the Business Case during the year with an updated hydrology study completed that will enable revised flood mapping to be undertaken. There remain issues to resolve however, such as confirming the structural integrity of the Bruce Eastick North Para Dam to support a height increase of up to 10 metres and developing a feasible funding arrangement to deliver over \$200 million in infrastructure.

Funding of around \$1.06 million is estimated to be required to settle these issues and other gaps in the current version of the Business Case, as was identified in the Infrastructure SA review completed in December 2023. To secure this funding, the GRFMA has lodged a \$774,000 grant application with the Commonwealth Government funded Disaster Ready Fund, with the balance of around \$290,000 to be provided by the GRFMA. The application was lodged in March 2025, was successfully short-listed by the State Government in May 2025, and we hope for final approval by October 2025, with funds to be advanced in early 2026.

We have continued to work with DEW to implement a Community Flood Awareness Campaign and to undertake a pilot study on the repair and maintenance of existing riverside levee banks in the lower Gawler River, which play a critical role in constraining floodwaters to the river channel during high flow events and reducing potential damage of flood.

This year has seen an escalation in our advocacy activities with particular emphasis on Federal and State parliamentarians. There is a high level of awareness amongst the politicians of the Gawler River flood risk. Our ongoing challenge is to present a compelling case to justify government funding.

From a governance perspective, a Steering Committee has been established to oversee and facilitate the finalisation of the Business Case. The Steering Committee is chaired by the GRFMA and includes senior representation from three of GRFMA's Constituent Councils, and key State Government agencies. It is expected that this committee will foster a strong collaborative approach between the key stakeholders.

Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

The Stormwater Management Plan, which was commenced in 2020, has been finalised after a thorough engagement process was undertaken. The plan is now to be presented to the Stormwater Management Authority for approval.

The development of the plan was supported by various partnership members, including constituent councils, the Stormwater Management Authority (SMA) as funding partner, the Green Adelaide Board, the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, and the Department for Environment and Water (DEW).

The main findings and recommendations from the development of the Gawler River SMP are:

- The flood risk remains and the recommended approach to mitigate that flood risk is to repair / reinstate the existing levees (and ensure ongoing maintenance) and raise the height of the Bruce Eastick Flood Mitigation Dam.
- Revisit and determine the most effective way forward regarding the complicated land ownership and responsibility arrangements along the length of the Gawler River including the channel itself and the associated levee banks.

The communities are continually changing within the catchment area and there are many opportunities (and needs) for ongoing community education and awareness programs covering many topics including flooding, climate change, benefits of river systems and opportunities to be involved in the protection and enhancement of the local environment

Over many years now the GRFMA has managed a revegetation and weed control program on the land around the dam. Whilst unheralded, this is important work, which has been supported by grant funding from the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board.

The Board

The GRFMA acknowledges and thanks the following retiring Board members for their contributions to the Authority:

- Cr Dante Mazzeo, Adelaide Plains Council
- Mr Ashley Curtis Adelaide Hills Council
- Cr Michael Phillips Ryder, Light Regional Council
- Cr Bruce Preece, The Barossa Council

The Board welcomes:

- Cr Mel Lawrence, Adelaide Plains Council
- Mr David Collins, Adelaide Hills Council
- Cr Bill Close, Light Regional Council
- Cr Tony Hurn, The Barossa Council

Lino Di Lernia

Chairman and Independent Member

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA)

The Gawler River

The Gawler River is formed by the confluence of the North Para and South Para in the town of Gawler and is in the Adelaide Plains district of South Australia. The district surrounding the river produces cereal crops and sheep for both meat and wool, as well as market gardens, almond orchards and vineyards. The farm gate output of the Gawler River Floodplain horticultural areas is estimated to be at least \$500 million.



Purpose of the GRFMA

The GRFMA was formed as a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 on 22 August 2002. The Constituent Councils are the Adelaide Hills Council, The Adelaide Plains Council, The Barossa Council, The Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, and the City of Playford.

The Charter sets down the powers, functions, safeguards, accountabilities, and an operational framework.

The Authority has been established for the purpose of coordinating the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of flood mitigation infrastructure for the Gawler River, and for the following functions:

- To raise finance for the purpose of developing, managing, and operating and maintaining works approved by the Board;
- To provide a forum for the discussion and consideration of topics relating to the Constituent Council's obligations and responsibilities in relation to management of flooding of the Gawler River;
- To advocate on behalf of the Constituent Councils and their communities where required to State and Federal Governments for legislative policy changes on matters related to flood mitigation and management and associated land use planning with Gawler River flood mitigation;
- To facilitate sustainable outcomes to ensure a proper balance between economic, social, environmental, and cultural consideration; and
- To provide advice as appropriate to the Constituent Councils in relation to development applications relevant to the Authority's roles and functions.



Governance

The Board

The Authority is governed by the Board of Management. The Board comprises:

- One independent person, who is not an officer, employee, or elected member of a constituent council, to be appointed as the Chairman of the Board of Management of the GRFMA for a term of three years.
- Two persons appointed from each of the six constituent councils (12 members in total). Council appointees comprise of the Council CEO, or delegate and one Elected Member.
- Deputy Board members as appointed by each Constituent Council.

The Members of the Board are:

Council	Board Members	Deputy Board Members
Chairman & Independent Member	Mr Lino Di Lernia	
Adelaide Hills Council	Cr Malcolm Herrmann Mr David Collins	
Adelaide Plains Council	Cr Terry-Anne Keen Mr James Miller	Cr Mel Lawrence Mr Tom Jones
The Barossa Council	Cr Tony Hurn Mr Jake Mc Vicar	Ben Clark
Town of Gawler	Cr Paul Koch Ms Whendee Young	Cr Brian Sambell
Light Regional Council	Cr William Close Mr Richard Dodson	
City of Playford	Cr Clinton Marsh Mr Greg Pattinson	Cr Peter Rentoulis Mr Dale Welsh

Meetings of the Board are held at such time and such place as the Board decides subject only to the requirement that there will be at least one meeting in every two calendar months.

Any Constituent Council, the Chairman or three Board Members may by delivering a written request to the Executive Officer require a special meeting of the Board to be held and any such special meeting shall constitute a special meeting of the Authority.

Ordinary meetings of the Board are generally held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the even months commencing at 9.45am; excepting December which is held on the second Thursday.

Meetings are hosted by the Constituent Councils on a rotational roster with six Board meetings and one Special Board meetings held during the year as follows:

Ordinary Board Meetings:

- Thursday 15 August 2024 – Town of Gawler
- Thursday 17 October 2024 – Adelaide Plains Council
- Thursday 12 December 2024 – City of Playford
- Thursday 20 February 2025 – Light Regional Council
- Thursday 17 April 2025 – Adelaide Hills Council
- Thursday 19 June 2025 – The Barossa Council

One Special Board Meeting:

- Thursday 31 October 2024 – Virtual Meeting

Technical Assessment Panel

A Technical Assessment Panel has been appointed to support the decision-making processes of the Board with delegated powers to provide advice and manage the technical aspects of the design, assessment, and construction of the various parts of the plan.

The Members of the Panel are:

- Mr Lino Di Lernia, Independent Member, Chairman
- Ms Ingrid Franssen, Flood Management, DEW
- Vacant, Principal Engineer Dams, SA Water
- Mr Ben Clark, The Barossa Council, Council representative
- Mr Shaun Fielding, City of Playford, Council representative
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

No formal meetings of the Panel were held; however, Panel members provided out of session assistance and advice to DEW to facilitate delivery of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Plan.

Audit and Risk Committee

An Audit and Risk Committee has been appointed to review:

- The annual financial statements to ensure that they present fairly the situation to the Board; and
- The adequacy of the accounting, internal control, reporting and other financial management systems and practices to the Board on a regular basis.

The Committee held four meetings during the year:

- 6 August 2024
- 4 December 2024
- 3 February 2025
- 10 June 2025

The members of the Committee are:

- Mr Peter Brass, Independent Member and Chairman
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council

Membership of the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee is for two years, ending 30 June 2026.

Executive Officer

On 28/06/2023 the GRFMA engaged LUVROK Pty Ltd to undertake Executive Officer Services, in accordance with the agreed contract for service, for the term 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2025. On 27 February 2025 the contracted was varied with extension of service to expire 31 December 2027. Mr David Hitchcock is identified as the key person providing the services pursuant to agreed terms.

External Auditor

Dean Newbery and Partners are the appointed external auditor. On 14 December 2023 the GRFMA Board reappointed Dean & Newbery Pty Ltd as GRFMA External Auditor for a term of three plus two years, effective 1 July 2024.

GRFMA Policies

The following Policies have been adopted to provide management guidelines for the day-to-day business of the GRFMA:

- Procurement Policy
- Grant Policy
- Fraud, Corruption and Maladministration Prevention Policy
- Internal Review of Decisions Policy
- Code of Practice Meeting Procedures
- Anti – Discrimination Fair Treatment Policy
- Consultation Policy
- Work Health and Safety Policy
- Access to Meetings and Documents Policy
- Dam Valuation Policy
- Treasury Management Policy
- Freedom of Information Statement
- Information Asset Management Policy

The purpose of these policies is to provide prudent management guidelines for the day-to-day management of the affairs of the Authority.

Meetings

All meetings of the GRFMA and its committees are open to the public, except for those matters considered under Section 90 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Forum	Total Resolutions for the year	Resolutions to exclude the Public – S90(3)	Purpose	Order for docs to remain confidential - S91(7)	%
Board	77	3 1	S 90(3)(d) (e) AS90 (3) (b)(i)(ii)	3 1	4
Technical Assessment Panel	0	0		0	0
Audit Committee	21			0	0

Freedom of Information

No Freedom of Information requests were received during the year.

Strategic Plan

The GRFMA Strategic Plan 2021-26 is arranged under three themes, each with its own objective, related to the outcomes to be pursued.

Theme 1: Design, build, and maintain physical flood mitigation infrastructure.

Objective: To have in place an agreed extent of physical flood mitigation infrastructure that is fit for purpose and achieves the targeted levels of performance.

Theme 2: Develop and evolve key relationships.

Objective: To maintain key relationships that are most important to the Authority achieving its purpose.

Theme 3: Ensure good governance and ongoing financial sustainability.

Objective: To ensure that the Authority meets legislative requirements and contemporary standards of governance and is financially sustainable for the long term.

Priority Actions 2024/2025

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW), in partnership with the GRFMA, has facilitated development of a Gawler River Flood Management Business Case to identify a shared vision and objectives to improve flood management in the Gawler River region. The Gawler River Flood Management initiative was included in Infrastructure SA's (ISA) Capital Intentions Statement in 2021 as a priority for business case development. Further work was undertaken in conjunction with ISA, project partners and stakeholders throughout 2021 and 2022 to provide additional information and details regarding the initiative. The work culminated in DEW completing the ISA Assurance Framework (ISAAF) Gate 1 review in May 2022 and the Business Case and Gate 2 review process on 4 December 2023.

The Business Case recommends a portfolio of actions to improve flood protection in the Gawler River. These initiatives are considered feasible and provide complementary benefits for the management of flood in the Gawler River, and comprise:

- Increasing the height of the Bruce Eastick Dam on the North Para River (nominally a 10 m increase in the height of the dam wall). *The GRFMA has addressed many gaps by finalising an updated hydrology study, risk register and risk management process, multi-criteria analysis, and economic analysis. However, some significant issues remain to be resolved, such as confirming the structural integrity of the Bruce Eastick North Para Dam to support a height increase of up to 10 metres and developing a feasible funding arrangement. Application has been made to the Disaster Ready Fund Program Round 3 (Federal Government) for funding assistance to address the remaining issues identified in the ISA Business Case review. Successful applications will be announced September/October 2025.*
- Improving planning controls for developments near the Gawler River that will reduce the likelihood of flood and the impacts of flood inundation on new developments – this may include advocating for policy changes in the flood hazard overlay, making recommendations for inclusion in regional plans, working with local councils to set local development policies.
- Implementing a Community Flood Awareness Campaign. *This has now been initiated by the Department for Environment and Water.*
- Undertaking the repair and maintenance of existing riverside levee banks in the lower Gawler River, which play a critical role in constraining floodwaters to the river channel during high flow events, and reducing potential damage of flood. *The Department for Environment and Water is now progressing work on this and has drafted repair designs and undertaken pilot projects to determine suitability of designs*

Considerations will include recommendations from the GRFMA Strategic Plan 2021-2026 and the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan.

Operation of the Regional Subsidiary

Performance Targets:	Timings:	To be measured by:	Actual Achievements
Reports to Stakeholders	Bi-Monthly	Key Outcomes Summary to be published following each Board Meeting.	☒ Key Outcomes Summary prepared and sent to Councils following GRFMA meetings.
Maintain effective Regional Subsidiary	December	On 28/06/2023 the GRFMA engaged LUVROK Pty Ltd to undertake Executive Officer Services, in accordance with the agreed contract for service, for the term 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2025.	☒ Mr David Hitchcock is identified as the key person providing the services pursuant to agreed terms. ☒ Effective 1/05/2024 to 31/12/2027. ☒ Mr Lino Di Lernia has been appointed as the Chairperson and Independent Member of GRFMA for a term of three years, concluding on 30 April 2027.
	August	The appointment of Auditor, Bank Operators, levels of insurance, appropriate registrations, delegations, and policies be reviewed annually.	☒ Dean Newbery has been reappointed as GRFMA's external auditor for a term of three years with a two-year option, effective 1 July 2024. ☒ Appropriate levels of insurance reviewed in July 2024.
Review of the Business Plan	By 31 st March	Review the Business Plan prior to preparing the Budget. Forward to the Councils.	☒ June 2024 - Business Plan 2024- 2025 adopted. ☒ June 2025- Achievements against the Business Plan 2024 - 2025 presented.
Annual Budget	By 31 st March, June, October, December	Adopt for consultation forward to Councils- Adopt Budget – copy to Councils in 5 days- Conduct Budget Reviews.	☒ 2024 - 2025 Draft Budget adopted. ☒ Budget Reviews 1, 2 and 3 reviewed by GRFMA Audit Committee.
Subscriptions	June December	Send half year subscriptions to Council.	☒ All first half subscriptions paid. ☒ All second half subscriptions paid.
Report to Constituent Councils	Following each Board meeting By 30 th September	The receipt of the following reports by Councils, Board Meeting Key Outcome Summary Annual Report including Annual Financial Statements	☒ Key Outcomes Summary prepared for meetings. ☒ Annual Report forwarded electronically to Councils.

Performance Targets:	Timings:	To be measured by:	Actual Achievements
Governance	Ongoing	Policies and new management framework documents developed and reviewed.	☑ Independent review of GRFMA policies completed April 2023. ☑ Management Framework documents now adopted GRFMA Strategic Plan Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plans. ☑ The GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee (Chairperson and the two Members) have been reappointed from 1 July 2024 until 30 June 2026.
Annual Operations		Implementation of requirements of the BENPFM Dam Operation and Maintenance Manual. Periodical inspections of BENPFM dam and lands. Removal of deposited flood debris at upstream wall of BENPFM Dam. Continuation of the revegetation program around land associated with the BENPFM Dam. Weed control.	☑ Ongoing. Programmed management costed and funded in 2024/2025 Budget. ☑ Ongoing. ☑ As required. ☑ Ongoing, within budgeted funds, Grant funding from Northern and Yorke Landscape Board received for further 3 year revegetation program. ☑ Annually.

Financial Statements 2024-25

1. **Certification of Financial Statements**
2. **Financial Statements and Notes**
3. **Related Parties Disclosures**
4. **Statement of Auditors Independence**
5. **Certification of Auditor Independence**

Agenda Item:	8.4
Committee:	GRFMA Board
Meeting Date:	28 August 2025
Title:	Concordia Code Amendment

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA receives and endorses the GRFMA submission regarding the Concordia Code Amendment.

The South Australian Government initiated consultation on the draft Concordia Code Amendment proposal, which identifies rural land at Concordia, near Gawler, to be rezoned to provide more homes for South Australians.

Notice of consultation on the Concordia Code Amendment was received from the Chief Executive of the Department for Housing and Urban Development on 20 June 2025, with feedback invited until Thursday, 31 July 2025.

The draft Concordia Code Amendment proposes rezoning about 971 ha to the Master Planned Neighbourhood Zone and about 24 ha to the Employment Zone.

It is anticipated that about 10,000 to 12,000 additional homes could be built in the Concordia growth area over the next 30 years, accommodating about 25-30,000 new residents.

The Code Amendment is proposing to introduce two new concept plans:

1. Concept Plan 160 – Concordia Growth Area: Basic Infrastructure; and
2. Concept Plan 161 – Concordia Growth Area: Land Use.

The Concept Plans will support any relevant social infrastructure deeds and the infrastructure delivery scheme.

The GRFMA Executive Officer subsequently provided a GRFMA submission on 11 July 2025.

See attached for a copy of the submission.

In summary, the GRFMA submission requests:

- All planning for the proposed Concordia development should consider the proximity of the upstream Bruce Eastick North Para Dam and implement appropriate measures to mitigate potential flooding risks and address the consequences of a possible dam failure.
- The stormwater management strategy must ensure adverse impacts on the North Para River will be minimised by controlling water quality, quantity, and discharge volumes to prevent downstream flooding.
- Regional embankment storage designed for efficient discharge and environmental flow into the North Para River.
- All new bridges and roads over the North Para River must allow for unimpeded water flow.
- Open space corridors and recreation reserves are included along the North Para Corridor to maintain continuous biodiversity and habitats for native wildlife and to assist with stormwater management, improve amenity, and provide spaces for community interaction.

- The proposed network extends into existing and planned restoration zones along the North Para and Gawler River, as well as the Northern Park Lands south of Gawler near Kudla. The proposed Northern Parklands Trust to oversee an integrated governance approach to creating open space corridors and recreation reserves along the North Para and the entire Gawler River.
- Implementation of Infrastructure Schemes and suitable funding agreements are acknowledged as an appropriate mechanism for state and local government, landowners, and service providers to identify infrastructure needs to support growth in identified development areas, including roads, utilities, stormwater infrastructure, and community services.

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11 July 2025

Department for Housing and Urban Development

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Dear Sir /Madam

Submission - Concordia Code Amendment

Introduction

The South Australian Government has initiated consultation on the draft Concordia Code Amendment proposal which identifies rural land at Concordia, near Gawler, to be rezoned to provide more homes for South Australians.

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) is established as a regional subsidiary pursuant to section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 to co-ordinate the construction, operation and maintenance of flood mitigation infrastructure for the Gawler River. Constituent councils are City of Playford, Adelaide Plains Council, Town of Gawler, the Barossa Council, Light Regional Council, Adelaide Hills Council.

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The following Overlays are proposed to continue to apply to the affected area:

- Hazards (Bushfire – Medium Risk)
- Hazards (Flooding)
- Hazards (Flooding – Evidence Required)
- Hazards (Flooding – General)
- Native Vegetation
- Traffic Generating Development
- Urban Transport Routes

The Gawler River is formed at the junction of the North Para and South Para Rivers in the Town of Gawler. The river traverses through the Adelaide Plains to St Vincent Gulf, presenting flooding risk along its length. The Gawler River system is characterised as an area of high flood risk in South Australia's Flood Hazard Plan. Major flooding occurred in the Gawler River in 2016 and caused significant impacts to primary industries in the area, including Virginia. This flood event impacted approximately 190 land parcels, with losses estimated at \$51 million.



The Barossa Council

Gawler



The western boundary of the proposed Concordia development is along the North Para River, approximately 1000 metres downstream from the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam, which is managed by the GRFMA.

Constructed in 2007, the 30-metre-high dam is designed to manage significant flooding in the North Para River and further downstream in the Gawler River. Under the 2003 ANCOLD guidelines, the Dam Hazard Category is rated as 'High B', where the dam's failure would result in a possible loss of life (PLL) ≥ 5 but < 10 , with associated medium severity of damage and loss.

The GRFMA and SA Government have recently initiated investigations for raising the Dam's height by 10 meters.

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority submission.

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Implementation of Infrastructure Schemes and suitable funding agreements are acknowledged as an appropriate mechanism for state and local government, landowners and service providers to identify infrastructure needs to support growth in identified development areas, including roads, utilities, stormwater infrastructure, and community services.

Extracts from the Code Amendment

Flora and fauna assessment

A majority of the CGA has been cleared for agricultural purposes except for scattered stands of native vegetation and the North Para River Corridor that runs along the western boundary. The investigations found that remnant trees were scattered across the agricultural and small isolated patches of native flora existed along roadsides.

The Code Amendment supports the provision of a network of open space corridors, public open space and recreation reserves, which can be used to protect and preserve existing native vegetation, biodiversity and habitats for native fauna, help with stormwater management, improve amenity and provide spaces for community interaction. The areas will provide opportunities for new trees and vegetation to be planted within the CGA and ecosystem restoration to occur where appropriate.

Stormwater Management Strategy

The Concordia Growth Area Draft Stormwater Management Strategy 2024 - 240712R002RevC (SWMS) The SWMS builds upon the stormwater requirements and potential stormwater management measures outlined in the preliminary draft SWMS (ref: 240712R001RevA).

The SWMS and the master plan have been used to inform the Code Amendment and there are existing policies in the Code that will assist in the provision and management of stormwater, including policies that require development to

use Water Sensitive Urban Design to ensure new development is sited and designed to maintain natural hydrological systems without negatively impacting on the: • quantity and quality of surface water and groundwater • depth and directional flow of surface water and groundwater • quality and function of natural springs.

Lastly the strategy recommended that regional scale embankment storages be located in strategic locations, which can help to reduce both runoff volumes and peak flows leaving the CGA. A review of nearby existing water extraction schemes shows that the Bunyip water reuse pipeline extends near enough to the north-western portion of the CGA that a potential connection to this scheme may be feasible.

Code Amendment Outcome. Stormwater investigations confirmed that future development of the Affected Area can be supported by a stormwater management strategy that will minimise the risk of potential adverse impacts on receiving environments, while also ensuring that approaches result in an overall net benefit to the wider area.

Transport Infrastructure Strategy

The Concordia Transport Infrastructure Strategy AECOM 2025 (CTI Strategy) The CTI Strategy was undertaken to assess the existing road and public transport infrastructure within the region and obtain a detailed understanding of the surrounding land uses and how the proposed master planned community will be integrated with existing infrastructure.

Infrastructure interventions will potentially be required to support the future development of the CGA

Extract from Table page 112. Roads / Bridges New Road and Bridge **crossing North Para River** for Heavy Vehicle By-Pass — Extensive bridge crossing for heavy vehicle bypass. — Designed to cater for future duplication of two laned road to 4 lanes. — Major Investigation and new road and Bridge Crossing — Envisaged traffic from Sturt Highway to Barossa Valley Way travelling enroute to Murray Bridge — Road designed to divert heavy vehicles from Murray Street Gawler

Yours Sincerely



David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

Agenda Item:	8.5
Committee:	GRFMA Board
Meeting Date:	28 August 2025
Title:	Financial Report

Recommendation:**That the GRFMA:**

1. Receives the financial report as of 31 July 2025 showing a cash at bank balance of \$12,974.85.
 2. Notes internal cash lending for CAD offset is \$326,185.00.
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Financial Report 31 July 2025

See attachments for the monthly reconciliations:

- ✧ Reconciliation to 31/7/2025
- ✧ Budget result to 31/7/2025
- ✧ Balance Sheet 21/7/2025

Cash Management

The table below provides a summary of internal borrowing currently being utilised to offset Cash Advance Debenture interest costs. Net internal lending \$396,185.20.

Internal lend calc		
Deposits	\$	418,220.00
Less Withdraw	\$	150,000.00
Less Interest	\$	12,015.80
Less CAD principle Pd	\$	50,000.00
Plus Dam capital	\$	119,981.00
	\$	326,185.20

Reconciliation Report

ID No.	Date Memo/Payee	Deposit	Withdrawal
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Account: 1-1110 Bank SA Account
Date Of Bank Statement: 31/07/2025
Last Reconciled: 30/06/2025
Last Reconciled Balance: \$21,715.54

Cleared Cheques

EFT	4/07/2025	Dryside Engineering Pty Ltd		\$356.13
EFT	4/07/2025	Edinburgh Parks		\$2,640.00
EFT	4/07/2025	CETPAR Pty Ltd		\$1,180.30
EFT	4/07/2025	LUVROK Pty Ltd		\$4,706.70
EFT	4/07/2025	Northern Bushcare		\$2,970.00
EFT	4/07/2025	VRM Accounting		\$53.46
EFT	4/07/2025	HARC		\$5,302.00
EFT#	4/07/2025	Think Purple Solutions		\$1,751.74
SC310725	31/07/2025	Safe deposit fee		\$5.00
GJ000228	31/07/2025	MYOB monthly subsc July		\$82.00
Total:			\$0.00	\$19,047.33

Cleared Deposits

GJ000229	31/07/2025	GST payment BAS return June	\$7,258.00	
Total:			\$7,258.00	\$0.00
Reconciliation:				
AccountRight Balance On 31/07/2025:			\$9,926.21	
Add: Outstanding Cheques:			\$0.00	
SubTotal:			\$9,926.21	
Deduct: Outstanding Deposits:			\$0.00	
Expected Balance On Statement:			\$9,926.21	

Transaction History Report

Please advise any error or unauthorised transaction promptly to the bank		Account name	GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT		
		Account number	010 0101 248 140		
		BSB	105-010		
		Currency	AUD		
		Opening balance	21,715.54CR		
		Transaction period from	01/07/2025 to 31/07/2025		
Date	Description	Serial number	Debit	Credit	Balance
05/07/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 04JUL23:07 Accounting		53.46		21,662.08CR
05/07/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 04JUL23:07 Business Case technical		356.13		21,305.95CR
05/07/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 04JUL23:07 GRFMA Chair June25		1,180.30		20,125.65CR
05/07/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 05JUL10:57 Admin June25		1,751.74		18,373.91CR
05/07/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 04JUL23:07 Inv2582 Tubestock		2,640.00		15,733.91CR
05/07/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 04JUL23:07 Inv 122 North Para Reve		2,970.00		12,763.91CR
05/07/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 04JUL23:07 GRFMA EO June 25		4,706.70		8,057.21CR
05/07/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 04JUL23:07 DEW6.7 Hydrology		5,302.00		2,755.21CR
11/07/2025	ATO ATO129255348611001			7,258.00	10,013.21CR
21/07/2025	SAFE DEPOSIT FEE (INC GST)		5.00		10,008.21CR
23/07/2025	MYOB Australia MYOB 1-92318968184		82.00		9,926.21CR
	TOTAL		19,047.33	7,258.00	9,926.21CR

Reconciliation Report

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ID No.	Date	Memo/Payee	Deposit	Withdrawal
Account: 1-1130 LGFA Investment Account				
Date Of Bank Statement: 31/07/2025				
Last Reconciled: 30/05/2025				
Last Reconciled Balance: \$47,782.76				
Cleared Cheques				
TR000040	2/06/2025	Money Transfer		\$25,000.00
TR000039	30/06/2025	Money Transfer		\$20,000.00
Total:			\$0.00	\$45,000.00
Cleared Deposits				
IE300625	30/06/2025	LGFA Dep interest	\$187.00	
GJ000226	1/07/2025	Reverse Accrued Interest	\$78.88	
Total:			\$265.88	\$0.00
Reconciliation:				
AccountRight Balance On 31/07/2025:			\$3,048.64	
Add: Outstanding Cheques:			\$0.00	
SubTotal:			\$3,048.64	
Deduct: Outstanding Deposits:			\$0.00	
Expected Balance On Statement:			\$3,048.64	

Transaction Statement from 01/07/2025 to 31/07/2025 inclusive

Cash Advance Debentures

Deal	Action Date	Transaction	Interest Rate	Amount	Balance
Gawler River General CA 1 Cash Advance					
Council Loan-CAD Variable - 62991					
	01/07/2025	Opening Balance	5.50%		-\$5,403.72
62991	08/07/2025	Loan Instalment Interest	5.50%	-\$137.36	
62991	08/07/2025	Loan Instalment	5.50%	-\$137.36	-\$5,541.08
	31/07/2025	Closing Balance	5.50%		-\$5,541.08
Accrued Interest for Selected Period				-\$25.63	
Unpaid Accrued Interest for Interest Period				-\$25.63	
Gawler River General CA 1 Cash Advance Total for Selected Period				-\$25.63	
Gawler River General CA 1 Cash Advance Total Unpaid for Interest Period				-\$25.63	

Summary

Council	Accrued Interest	Unpaid Accrued Interest
Gawler River General CA 1 Cash Advance Total	-\$25.63	-\$25.63
Grand Total	-\$25.63	-\$25.63

Balance Sheet

As of July 2025

ABN: 12 925 534 861

Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Bank SA Account	\$9,926.21	
LGFA Investment Account	\$3,048.64	
Total Bank Accounts		\$12,974.85
Other Current Assets		
Trade Debtors	\$40,000.00	
ATO Payments & Refunds	\$7,257.64	
Total Other Current Assets		\$47,257.64
Total Current Assets		\$60,232.49
Non-Current Assets		
Infrastructure	\$52,883,174.00	
Accum. Depr. Infrastructure	-\$11,898,714.28	
Land	\$477,000.00	
Access Roads	\$84,000.00	
Accumulated Dep Access Rd	-\$39,200.00	
Repairs / Renewals	\$591,879.00	
Accumulated Depreciation Repairs/Renewals	-\$197,293.60	
Total Non-Current Assets		\$41,900,845.12
Total Assets		\$41,961,077.61
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
GST Liabilities		
GST Paid	-\$1,731.57	
ATO Payments & Refunds	\$7,258.00	
Total GST Liabilities		\$5,526.43
Other Current Liabilities		
Accrued Expense	\$82,248.78	
Cash Advance Debenture	\$5,403.72	
Total Other Current Liabilities		\$87,652.50
Total Current Liabilities		\$93,178.93
Total Liabilities		\$93,178.93
Net Assets		\$41,867,898.68
Equity		
Accumulated Surplus		\$15,974,461.00
Asset Revaluation Reserves		\$30,364,320.11
Retained Earnings		-\$4,464,707.49
Current Year Surplus/Deficit		-\$6,174.94
Total Equity		\$41,867,898.68

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

Profit & Loss [Budget Analysis]

July 2025 To June 2026

ABN: 12 925 534 861

	Selected Period	Budgeted	\$ Difference
Income			
Admin of GRFMA			
Member Subscriptions	\$0	\$140,920	-\$140,920
Interest LGFA	\$0	\$1,000	-\$1,000
Total Admin of GRFMA	\$0	\$141,920	-\$141,920
Operations Flood Mit Scheme			
Council Subscriptions	\$0	\$149,750	-\$149,750
State Grant	\$0	\$10,000	-\$10,000
Total Operations Flood Mit Scheme	\$0	\$159,750	-\$159,750
Total Income	\$0	\$301,670	-\$301,670
Gross Profit	\$0	\$301,670	-\$301,670
Expenses			
Admin of GRFMA			
Executive Officer Contract	\$5,518	\$62,000	-\$56,482
Adv, printing, stationery post	\$0	\$1,000	-\$1,000
Travelling Expenses	\$0	\$4,200	-\$4,200
Insurance PL & PI	\$8,578	\$16,000	-\$7,422
Audit Committee	\$0	\$2,600	-\$2,600
Audit Fees	\$0	\$6,500	-\$6,500
Bank Fees	\$5	\$120	-\$115
Legal Fees	\$0	\$2,000	-\$2,000
Honorarium - Chairperson	\$2,759	\$20,000	-\$17,241
Other	\$2,137	\$13,000	-\$10,863
Total Admin of GRFMA	\$18,997	\$127,420	-\$108,424
GRFM Business Case			
Consultancies	\$0	\$20,000	-\$20,000
Total GRFM Business Case	\$0	\$20,000	-\$20,000
Maint Flood Mitigation Scheme			
BENPFM Dam repairs	\$2,149	\$79,550	-\$77,401
Rates & Levies	\$0	\$200	-\$200
Total Maint Flood Mitigation Scheme	\$2,149	\$79,750	-\$77,601
Depreciation			
Depreciation	\$0	\$706,098	-\$706,098
Total Expenses	\$21,145	\$933,268	-\$912,123
Operating Profit	-\$21,145	-\$631,598	\$610,453
Total Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Expenses			
Interest Expense	\$0	\$70,000	-\$70,000
Total Other Expenses	\$0	\$70,000	-\$70,000
Net Profit/(Loss)	-\$21,145	-\$701,598	\$680,453

Agenda Item:	8.6
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	28 August 2025
Title:	Executive Officer Report

Recommendation 1

That the GRFMA receives the report.

Recommendation 2

That be appointed GRFMA Deputy Chairman to act in the event the Chairperson is absent or unable for whatever reason to act as Chairperson.

On 28/06/2023 the GRFMA engaged LUVROK Pty Ltd to undertake GRFMA Executive Officer services, in accordance with the agreed contract for service, for the term 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2025.

Mr David Hitchcock is identified as the key person providing the services pursuant to agreed terms. The contract provides:

Services means the services described in Item 10 of Schedule 1 or such other services as may be agreed in writing by the Principal and the Contractor from time to time.

Item 10 Schedule 1 In accordance with the requirements of GRFMA EO Key Performance Indicators 1 July 2023. The Contractor will report to the Board of the Principal and provide a written report at every Board meeting.

A work management program has been established to identify and measure actions and resources required to deliver the services required. The work management program reports on Annual Business Plan achievements and GRFMA Strategic Plan priorities for year 1 and year 2, which is a work in progress.

Please refer attached for the GRFMA Executive Officer work management plan, May 2025.

Barossa Water Allocation Plan

Consultation on the Barossa Water Allocation Plan (WAP) amendment is now open.

The Northern and Yorke Landscape Board is seeking the community's feedback as part of the statutory consultation in order to finalise the amended Plan. It is expected to be finalised ready for adoption in late 2025.

An amendment of the Barossa WAP has been undertaken using updated science and monitoring information for the surface water and groundwater resources of the Barossa Prescribed Water Resources Area. Modelling and climate forecasting has provided information about the current and future availability of water, and the impacts of different levels of extraction for a range of climate scenarios.

The amended Plan is being developed in the context of the broader Barossa Water Security Strategy.

The Barossa Water Security Strategy includes actions to achieve a water secure future, such as increasing the volume of imported water available to the region, demand management measures, modification of dams to increase flows through catchments, and other complementary actions.

As GRFMA Executive Officer, I attended the Angaston drop-in session Friday, 1 August 2025, 12pm-2pm. During the visit, support was assessed for using North Para River floodwaters in the Barossa Valley, which could reduce the need to raise Bruce Eastick Dam and aid regional water management.

A meeting with Barossa Infrastructure's General Manager is scheduled for 19 July 2025 to discuss general matters relating to this concept.

SA Water Upgrades to Water Mains

A report was presented at the 17/04/2025 GRFMA meeting detailing SA Water's planned upgrades to water mains crossing the GRFMA Dam near the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam.

Scheduled works for the northern section of the project will now commence in September 2025.

Discussion is now underway to facilitate an agreed construction methodology agreement for the works. The methods adopted shall ensure that works are undertaken in a safe and well-planned operation. Subcontractors undertaking the works shall be compliant with safety, environmental, and quality requirements and be adequately supervised. Works will be undertaken in accordance with the agreed methodology.

Large-scale trenching to install new mains and set up a satellite compound for equipment storage will affect GRFMA land. The trenching and installation work will be within the existing easement.

SA Water will upgrade the existing GRFMA road access from the northern gate, which is accessible via Kemp Road, to the current car parking area at the crest of the Dam.

The road upgrade will relieve GRFMA of that expense, as these upgrades were already being considered.

GRFMA Deputy Chairman

At the 19 June 2025 GRFMA meeting, it was noted that Chairman and Independent member Mr Lino Di Lernia would be overseas from late July until late August 2025, returning in time for the 28 August 2025 GRFMA meeting.

Mr Di Lernia was available for GRFMA matters during that time and undertook significant work on Business Case funding, as noted in Agenda item 8.1.

Although a Deputy Chairman was not needed during this time, it was proposed at a funding strategy meeting that appointing one would ensure good governance and eliminate the need for special meetings should the Chairman be unavailable at any time.

The GRFMA Board may wish to consider this option:

GRFMA Charter, Clause 4.4.2, provides

In the event the Chairperson is absent or unable for whatever reason to act as Chairperson, the Board will elect a Board Member as the Acting Chairperson for the period the Chairperson is absent or unable to act as Chairperson.

GRFMA work requirements

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EO Service requirements

Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1	Date 2	Date 3
Maintain the business office of the Authority		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-11	2025-04-11	2025-06-20	2025-08-15
Prepare Agendas & Minutes Attend meetings		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-20	2025-04-17	2025-08-28	2025-08-15
Attend the minute actions as required		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-27	2025-04-24	2025-08-30	2025-08-22
Management of the GRFMA strategic management documents	Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan, Long Term Financial Plan	David Hitchcock	In progress	2025-02-11			
Subitems	Name	Owner	Status	Date			
	Strategic Plan	David Hitchcock	In Progress	2024-11-20			
	Asset Management Plan	David Hitchcock	Done	2024-10-08			
	Long Term Financial Plan	David Hitchcock	Done	2024-10-08			
Prepare the Annual Report.		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-07-25		2025-08-28	2025-12-12
Prepare the Annual Business Plan, Budgets and reports		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-20	2025-06-20		
liaise with constituent councils, Green Adelaide, Northern Yorke Landscape Board, Stormwater Management Authority		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-11	2025-06-20		

Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1	Date 2	Date 3
Engage with relevant federal and state ministers/MPs & CEOs		David Hitchcock	In progress	2025-02-11	2025-06-20		
Actively pursue grant funding		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-01-17	2025-04-07		
Proactively promote the works and activities of the Authority.		David Hitchcock	To be scheduled				
Report annually on progress with implementation of the SMP .			Done	2025-02-20	2025-06-19		
Develop and implement a schedule of flood mitigation infrastructure works for the SMP			In progress	2025-02-20	2025-09-01		
				2025-01-17 to 2025-07-25	2025-04-07 to 2025-09-01	2025-06-20 to 2025-08-30	2025-08-15 to 2025-12-12

Meeting agenda process							
Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1	Date 2	Date 3
Draft Agenda reports		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-04-07	2025-06-14	2025-08-08	2024-12-05
Forward drafts to Admin to format and compile		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-04-07	2025-06-14	2025-08-08	2024-12-05
Send Agenda to Board, Councils Town of Gawler webpage		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-04-07	2025-06-14	2025-08-22	2024-12-13
Draft minutes , KOS send to Admin to format		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-04-18	2025-06-20	2025-08-30	2024-12-20
Send minutes and KS to Board, Councils, Town of Gawler webpage		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-04-18	2025-06-20	2025-08-30	2024-12-20
Action minute resolutions and directions		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-04-18	2025-06-20	2025-08-30	2024-12-20
				2025-04-07 to 2025-04-18	2025-06-14 to 2025-06-20	2025-08-08 to 2025-08-30	2024-12-05 to 2024-12-20

Strategic Plan Priority Actions							
Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1	Date 2	Date 3
Work to facilitate delivery of the objectives of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan		David Hitchcock	In progress	2025-02-11	2025-07-30		
Review, with Constituent Councils and stakeholders, design standards for infrastructure works including costs and benefits		David Hitchcock	In progress	2025-02-11	2025-07-30		
In conjunction with the Constituent Councils, develop and implement a schedule of flood mitigation infrastructure works for the Gawler River referencing the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan		David Hitchcock	In progress	2025-02-11	2025-07-30		
Working with the Constituent Councils, develop a framework to clearly articulate the respective roles and responsibilities of the Authority and the Councils and suitable partnering arrangements to maintain a low-cost base for the Authority.		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-11	2025-07-30		
Continue to advocate for improved governance and funding arrangements for flood avoidance, resilience, and mitigation in South Australia		David Hitchcock	In progress	2025-02-11	2025-07-30		

Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1	Date 2	Date 3
Assist the Constituent Councils in communicating with general communities and specific interest groups in relation to flood mitigation for the Gawler River		David Hitchcock	In progress	2025-02-11	2025-07-30		
				2025-02-11	2025-07-30		
GRFMA Projects							
Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1	Date 2	Date 3
Deliver Stormwater Management Plan		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-20	2025-06-19		
Engage with DEW with Business Case completion		David Hitchcock	In progress	2025-02-11	2025-12-12		
Market Test and appointment GRFMA Chairperson position		David Hitchcock	Done	2024-05-01			
Transition EO services to corporate status		David Hitchcock	Done	2023-06-30			
Deliver quarterly GFMA Audit Committee meetings	August 2022 Meeting, December 2022, March 2023, June 2023	David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-03	2025-06-10	2025-12-12	2025-06-12
Subitems	Name	Owner	Status	Date			
	August 2022 Meeting	David Hitchcock	Done	2022-08-09			
	December 2022	David Hitchcock	Done	2023-12-12			
	March 2023	David Hitchcock	Done	2023-03-09			
	June 2023	David Hitchcock	Done	2023-06-06			

Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1	Date 2	Date 3
Prepare and finalise 24/25 Financial Statements		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-08-21	2025-07-23		
				2023-06-30 to 2025-08-21	2025-06-10 to 2025-12-12	2025-12-12	2025-06-12

Maintenance and Operations							
Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1	Date 2	Date 3
Delivery of scheduled maintenance at Dam as per Maintenance Cost Analysis 2023-2032.	Inspections, Access roads, Gates and Fences, Swales, sumps and culverts, signage, Removal debris, Engineer 5 yr inspection, Survey monument check, Weeds	David Hitchcock	Done	2025-04-07	2024-08-06	2024-11-05	
Subitems	Name	Owner	Status	Date			
	Inspections		Done	2025-02-11			
	Access roads		To be scheduled	2025-02-11			
	Gates and Fences		In Progress	2025-02-11			
	Swales, sumps and culverts		In Progress	2025-02-11			
	signage		In Progress	2025-02-11			

Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1	Date 2	Date 3
	Removal debri		In Progress	2025-02-11			
	Engineer 5 yr inspection		To be scheduled	2028-09-01			
	Survey monument check		To be scheduled	2027-02-10			
	Weeds		In Progress	2025-02-11			
Scheduled inspections and environmental management of land associated with the Dam location		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-04-07	2024-08-06	2024-11-05	
Revaluation of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam (5 year program		David Hitchcock	Done	2024-02-01			
Continuation of the revegetation program		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-11	2025-06-19	2025-07-15	
Implementation of an Information Management Framework for a digital environment		David Hitchcock	Done	2024-06-26			
				2024-02-01 to 2025-04-07	2024-08-06 to 2025-06-19	2024-11-05 to 2025-07-15	

Agenda Item: 9.1
Committee: GRFMA Board
Meeting Date: 28 August 2025
Title: Correspondence

Recommendation:

That the correspondence be received.

Correspondence from Hon Joe Szakacs, MP, Minister for Local Government, advising of his decision not to approve the Adelaide Hills Council application to withdraw from the GRFMA.

Key comments:

I would also take this opportunity to state the South Australian Government's expectation that an effective local government authority that can progress the Business Case on behalf of its constituent councils is considered essential for delivery of the significant flood mitigation initiatives required.

The State Government can continue to partner and provide support, but only if GRFMA can provide strong leadership from local government.

I suggest that GRFMA uses this request as an opportunity to review its structure and funding model to ensure it has sufficient resources to lead the advocacy and program coordination on behalf of its constituent councils effectively, to seek funding to complete and implement the Business Case #.

GRFMA Executive Officer Note:

Refer to Agenda Item 10.1: which includes consideration of the Minister's comments.



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Mr Lino Di Lernia
Chairman
Mr David Hitchcock
Executive Officer
Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

By email: eo@grfma.com

Dear Mr Di Lernia and Mr Hitchcock

I am writing in relation to the Adelaide Hills Council's (the AHC) application to withdraw from the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA).

As you are aware, the AHC has requested that I provide my approval under clause 29 of Schedule 2 of the *Local Government Act 1999* to enable AHC to cease to be a constituent council of GRFMA.

Having carefully considered the information provided by the AHC and the submissions provided by constituent councils and the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, the Hon Dr Susan Close MP, I am of the view that all councils in the Gawler River catchment have a responsibility to contribute towards flood mitigation and participate in GRFMA to achieve its functions and objectives.

As you are aware, the State Government, through the Department for Environment and Water, has worked with GRFMA on the development of a Business Case to establish a long-term strategy in respect to Gawler River flood management. The withdrawal of a council from GRFMA may also impact the ability for GRFMA to attract future co-investment from both the South Australian and Australian governments.

Accordingly, I have written to the AHC to advise of my decision not to approve its application to withdraw from GRFMA.

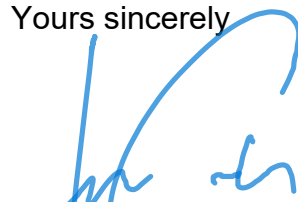
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Yours sincerely



Hon Joe Szakacs MP
Minister for Trade and Investment
Minister for Local Government
Minister for Veterans' Affairs



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cc: Hon Dr Susan Close MP, Minister for Climate, Environment and Water

Agenda Item:	10.1
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	28 August 2025
Title:	Business Case Decision-tree Guidance and Funding Models

Recommendation:

That:

1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, an Order is made that the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting.

In order to consider in confidence agenda item 10.1 Business Case decision-tree guidance and funding models, pursuant to Section 90(3)(b)(i)(II) of the Local Government Act 1999 on the basis of information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the GRFMA.

2. This matter is confidential because the information herein provides information regarding the consideration of flood mitigation infrastructure and funding of the considered works.
3. On the basis of this information, the principle that meetings of the GRFMA should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in this instance: the Committee consider it necessary to consider this matter in confidence.

Recommendation:

1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) and Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the GRFMA orders that the following aspects of item 10.1 Business Case decision-tree guidance and funding models be kept confidential in accordance with the GRFMA Boards reasons to deal with this item in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) (i) (II) of the Local Government Act 1999:
 - Minutes for Item 10.1.
 - Report for Item 10.1.
 - Attachment for Item 10.1.
 - Presentation for Item 10.1.
2. This order shall operate until reviewed and determined as part of the annual review by the Authority in accordance with Section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999.

In December 2023, the GRFMA Board established a Funding Advocacy Group to progress the issues identified arising from Infrastructure SA's review of the Business Case.

Membership of the Funding Advocacy Working Group is:

- Mr Greg Pattinson
- Mr James Miller
- Cr Paul Koch

The GRFMA Chairperson is also to be involved.

Following the 27 July 2025 meeting of the group, GRFMA Chairman Mr. Lino Di Lernia and Executive Officer Mr. David Hitchcock have been working on a framework for the Business Case completion. This framework features decision-tree guidance, funding models, and identifies potential sources of funding.

A confidential presentation on the considerations will be provided to the 28/8/2025 GRFMA meeting.

Refer to separate Agenda item 10.1 Confidential attachment: Business Case decision-tree guidance and funding models.