Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

Adelaide Hills Council, Adelaide Plains Council, The Barossa Council,
Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, City of Playford

KEY OUTCOMES SUMMARY

GRFMA Board Meeting – 19 October 2023

Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

The meeting received a report on the progress of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case being facilitated by the Department for Environment and Water. Notes from the 18/10/2023 Constituent Council CEOs meeting, facilitated by the GRFMA, were also received, and discussed. Key items from the CEO meeting included:

➢ It is clear Constituent Councils and the GRFMA do not have capacity to fund such high-cost proposals.

➢ There is requirement to understand what level of risk priority the State Government holds for periodical Gawler River flooding events.

➢ It would be beneficial for GRFMA to formally engage with the SA State Government (possibly Minister for Climate, Environment and Water and/or Minister for Local Government) to seek understanding of the relevant expectations and roles of both Local Government and State Government in the business case proposals.

➢ Support for the principle of the GRFMA and Councils working with the State Government, to establish a collaborative position to prosecute for maximum funding support from the Federal Government. It was noted Local Government has a revenue capacity of 4%.

➢ In consideration of the above it would be beneficial for GRFMA to engage Councils, so they are informed and have the relevant information to consider the above matters, and to understand the time frames available.

The meeting subsequently resolved to invite the Department for Environment and Water representatives to present the completed Business Case to a meeting of the Board at the earliest opportunity, and that no further advancements be made in relation to Constituent Council and GRFMA contributions towards the business case, until the completed business case is received and assessed, including lobbying State and Federal MPs.

GRFMA Technical Assessment Panel

The GRFMA is seeking to fill a Constituent Council representative on the GRFMA Technical Assessment Panel. The GRFMA Executive Officer was requested to seek expressions of interest from the relevant Constituent Council staff for appointment to the Panel. Appointment is to be skills based, having engineering, environmental and/or planning expertise. The objectives of the Panel are 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 flood management proposals.

Information Assessment Management Program

A new Information Assessment Management Program is to be progressively implemented and the Information Asset Management Policy was endorsed. Progress reports on content and development of the Information Asset Management Plan will be provided, as appropriate, to the GRFMA Audit Committee for endorsement.

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Review of the Register of Confidential Items

A review of the register of confidential items was undertaken and identified items of correspondence were released.

Financial Report

The financial report as of 30 September 2023 provided a cash at bank balance of $177,953.84 with internal cash lending for CAD offset of $382,740.00.

Resignation Deputy Board Member

Members noted the recent resignation of Cr John Lush as Deputy Board Member (Adelaide Plains Council) and resolved a vote of thanks for Mr Lush's contribution to the Board.

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Next Meeting

14 December 2023
Host: City of Playford