

# 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 – 15 February 2024

#### Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

The Board agreed to include a provision of \$150,000 in the draft 2024/2025 Annual Budget to support further development of the Business Case, as recommended by the Infrastructure SA, Assurance Review Report.

The GRFMA Chairperson was requested to write to the CEO, Department for Environment and Water advising the GRFMA:

1. Acknowledges the hard work by all parties, and the leadership of the Department for Environment and Water, in progressing the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case.
2. Supports the merits of Option 8 (Modifications (10 mtr raise) Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam – Enhanced Planning controls – Flood Awareness campaign) as identified in the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case, noting that Constituent Councils have not yet been engaged with this at this time.
3. Will seek support of Constituent Councils for provision of funding to support further development of the Business Case, in partnership with the State Government.
4. In recognition of the complexity of working relationships across a number of government agencies and Councils, seeks continuation of the existing governance arrangements and support in further development of the Business Case.
5. Will now prepare, in consultation with Constituent Councils, a suitable investment strategy with a view to working with the South Australian Government, to facilitate informed funding and investment decisions.

#### Audit Committee

Committee Members of the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee were reappointed for a further two years from 1 July 2024 until 30 June 2026:

1. Mr Peter Brass, Independent Member and Chair
2. Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council
3. Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford

The meeting confirmed appointment of Dean Newbery Pty Ltd as GRFMA external auditor for a term of three years with a two-year option, effective 1 July 2024, with the requirement that the Lead Audit Partner be rotated.

#### Financial Report

The financial report as of 31 January 2024 was received which showed a cash at bank balance of \$59,648.90. It was noted internal cash lending for CAD offset is \$182,740.

Cr Bruce Preece was appointed as an authorised person with authority to facilitate payment of tax invoices pursuant to GRFMA business banking protocols.

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## **Draft 2024/2025 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft 2024/2025 Budget**

That meeting endorsed the Draft 2024/2025 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft 2024/2025 Budget as amended. Following receipt of Constituent Council feedback the Board will consider adoption of the GRFMA draft Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget at the June 2024 meeting.

## **Confidential Items**

The meeting considered, in confidence matters relating to:

1. The Gawler River Flood Management Business Case
2. GRFMA Chairperson recruitment.

## **Schedule of Ordinary GRFMA Meetings for 2024**

- Thursday 18 April 2024, Adelaide Hills Council
- Thursday 20 June 2024, The Barossa Council
- Thursday 15 August 2024, Town of Gawler
- Thursday 17 October 2024, Adelaide Plains Council
- Thursday 12 December 2024, City of Playford

## **Next Meeting**

Date: Thursday 18 April 2024

Host: Adelaide Hills Council