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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the recommendation from the Wollondilly Floodplain Risk Management Committee.
- It is recommended that the Stonequarry Creek Flood Study - Final Draft (Advisian 2017) be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days and that a further report come back to Council following the Committee's consideration of the feedback received during the exhibition period.

REPORT

The Wollondilly Floodplain Risk Management Committee has been formed from a combination of nominated agency and Council representatives together with seven (7) community representatives who were recently selected through an EOI process.

The Wollondilly Floodplain Risk Management Committee considered the Stonequarry Creek Flood Study - Final Draft (Advisian 2017) on 31 October 2017 and recommended that Council place the Flood Study on public exhibition.

The next step in the floodplain risk management process will be a Floodplain Risk Management Study to look at management options followed by the formulation and adoption of a Management Plan. Council staff in consultation with OEH are selecting a consultant to assist with that process. Initial tasks to be undertaken will include seeking feedback through community consultation on flood risk management options. On this basis it is intended to run the public exhibition of the Flood Study in conjunction with the early consultation for the Floodplain Risk Management Study. That is Council would seek feedback on the Flood Study at the same time as receive suggestions for mitigation options.

CONSULTATION

Consultation will be an integral part of the Stonequarry Creek Flood Study – Final Draft (Advisian 2017) and the subsequent Floodplain Risk Management Study and Management Plan adoption process. The consultation will take place in a number of phases.

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Phase 1 will involve informing the community about the Stonequarry Creek Flood Study Public Exhibition and helping the local community understand what impacts the study might have for them.

Phase 2 will commence the Floodplain Risk Management Study and involve consulting the community to get them to tell us what they think we should do to mitigate impacts from flooding.

Phase 3 will involve assessing and researching the options generated from the community in phase 2 and then informing the community about the outcomes of this research.

Council officers will endeavor to use a number of methods of engagement to involve the community in this consultation period including newspaper advertising, letters to residents, social media promotion, development of FAQs and information on Council's website; as well as organizing drop-in sessions for community members to speak directly with Council officers about the Stonequarry Creek Flood Study. Consultation will take place in February 2018.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding has been allocated and is available under vote 4402-0121-3600.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED IN A SEPARATE BOOKLET

1. Minutes from the 31 October 2017 meeting of the Wollondilly Floodplain Risk Management Committee.
2. Stonequarry Creek Flood Study - Final Draft (Advisian 2017)

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Stonequarry Creek Flood Study - Final Draft (Advisian 2017) be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days.
2. That a further report come back to Council following consideration of the feedback received during the exhibition period by the Wollondilly Floodplain Risk Management Committee.