



Minutes

Flood Risk Management Committee

Wednesday, 4 February 2026

5:05 PM

Administration Building,
4-20 Eton Street, Sutherland
L2 - Hacking River Room

SUTHERLANDSHIRE

COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Laverty – Chairperson and Councillor Mick Maroney – Deputy Chairperson

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

Roger Joy – Georges River Catchment; Kevin Peakman – Port Hacking Catchment; Deb Cansdell – Woronora River Catchment; Simon Batch – Botany Bay Catchment and Sharon Davies – Pacific Ocean (Bate Bay) Catchment

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Michelle Whitehurst - Director Infrastructure; Stuart Raven– Chief Engineer; Dian He – Strategic Asset Manager; Andrew Reid – Senior Waterways Engineer; Richard Wright – Senior Stormwater Engineer/Analyst; Steven Thane – Waterways Project Manager; David Kelly – Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO); Danlu Lu – Waterways Engineer; Rebecca Dalton – Senior Manager Customer and Engagement; Beth Morris – Strategic Planning Manager and Katie Perkins – Secretariat

EXTERNAL ATTENDEES

Angela Halcrow – Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW); John Gonzalez – NSW SES Local Commander The Shire Cluster and Samuel Corby – NSW SES Local Deputy Commander The Shire Cluster.

APOLOGIES

Councillor Jack Boyd – Mayor; Deputy Mayor Councillor Cowell; Councillor Armstrong; Angus Dyson – Port Hacking Catchment; Peter Steele – Hacking River Catchment; John Gibbons – Hacking River Catchment; Shelly Stingmore – NSW SES Metro Zone and Lynda Burrow – SES

OPENING OF MEETING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Laverty, opened the Meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

FRMC003-26 Sutherland Shire Overland Flow - Flood Study - February 2026 Update			
Committee Member	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action taken
Councillor Laverty - Chairperson	Not significant non-pecuniary	Property has been notified by Sutherland Shire Council that it is affected by the Sutherland Shire Overland Flow - Flood Study as the study is in draft format the level of conflict at this time is classified as Not significant non-pecuniary interest.	Stayed in the Meeting when the Item was considered.

Deb Cansdell	Not significant non-pecuniary	Owens property located in the Draft Overland Flow - Flood Study Catchment area.	Stayed in the Meeting when the Item was considered.
Kevin Peakman	Not significant non-pecuniary	Owens property located in the Draft Overland Flow – Flood Study Catchment area.	Stayed in the Meeting when the Item was considered.
Roger Joy	Not significant non-pecuniary	Lives in the Draft Overland Flow – Flood Study Catchment area.	Stayed in the Meeting when the Item was considered.
Steven Thane	Not significant non-pecuniary	Owens property within a complex that has a Building Management Committee (BMC). One of the lots managed by the BMC is located in the Draft Overland Flow - Flood Study Catchment area.	Stayed in the Meeting when the Item was considered.
Michelle Whitehurst	Not significant non-pecuniary	Relative owns property located in the Draft Overland Flow-Flood Study catchment area.	Stayed in the Meeting when the Item was considered.
FRMC001-26 Woronora River Flood Study - February 2026 Update			
Committee Member	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action taken
Deb Cansdell	Not significant non-pecuniary	Owens property located in the Woronora River Flood Study Catchment area.	Stayed in the Meeting when the Item was considered.
FRMC002-26 Kurnell Flood Risk Management Study & Plan - February 2026 Update			
Committee Member	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action taken
Simon Batch	Not significant non-pecuniary	Owens property located in the Kurnell Flood Risk Management Study & Plan Catchment area	Stayed in the Meeting when the Item was considered.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Flood Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 12 November 2025 were adopted by Council on [15 December 2025](#).

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

FRMC003-26 **Sutherland Shire Overland Flow - Flood Study - February 2026 Update**
File Number: 2024/493484

DECISION: (JOY / BATCH)

THAT:

1. The report 'Sutherland Shire Overland Flow - Flood Study – February 2026 Update' be received and noted.

FRMC001-26 Woronora River Flood Study - February 2026 Update
File Number: 2024/493484

DECISION: (CANSDELL / JOY)

THAT:

1. The report 'Woronora River Flood Study – February 2026 Update' be received and noted.

FRMC002-26 Kurnell Flood Risk Management Study & Plan - February 2026 Update
File Number: 2024/493484

DECISION: (DAVIES / BATCH)

THAT:

1. The report 'Kurnell Flood Risk Management Study & Plan – February 2026 Update' be received and noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Sutherland Shire Overland Flow - Flood Study - February 2026 Update

- At the end of discussing report FRMC003-26: Sutherland Shire Overland Flow - Flood Study - February 2026 Update, Community Representatives shared their “elevator pitch” with the Committee.

Woronora Caravan Park Emergency Management Evacuation Plan

- A community representative raised concerns regarding the status of an emergency management evacuation plan and noted that scheduled updates to the Committee had not occurred. They also highlighted a range of operational matters, including communication gaps and maintenance-related observations. Council staff outlined the relevant responsibilities and confirmed that these matters have been passed on to the appropriate team for further consideration.

ACTIONS ARISING

The following action(s) arose at the Meeting, with the Director Infrastructure to determine requirements and assign to relevant Council Officer(s), as required. An update will be provided to the next Meeting.

- That a link to the website and the most recent conference and meeting papers from Flood Management Australia be circulated to the Committee prior to the next meeting on 6 May 2026.
- That Committee members advise the Secretariat, via email to the Infrastructure Reference Group mailbox, of any extended leave for the calendar year (2026) so that it can be considered for upcoming community consultation on the Sutherland Shire Overland Flow - Flood Study.

- That the Draft Catchment and Waterways Strategy be circulated to the Committee prior to the next meeting on 6 May 2026.
- That the revised Stakeholder Engagement Plan for the Sutherland Shire Overland Flow – Flood Study be circulated to the Committee prior to the next meeting on 6 May 2026.
- That the Communications team refer to the DCP in the Sutherland Shire Overland Flow – Flood Study Stakeholder Engagement Plan and its continuity with the same.
- That Community Representative, Sharon Davies be included on all Kurnell Flood Risk Management Plan consultation.

The Meeting closed at 6:40pm.