

Lismore Flood Risk Management Committee Minutes

3 September 2025

MINUTES OF THE LISMORE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 1:00 PM

Please note: These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next Council meeting. Decisions recorded in the draft minutes are subject to the Council's Code of Meeting Practice in relation to rescinding decisions.

Present

Councillors Rob (Chair), Jensen (audio visual), Knight-Smith (audio visual) Waters and together with Mr Graham Askey, Mr Col Baker, Ms Demi Flynn (left at 2.45 pm and joined at 3.00 pm via audio-visual), Mr Bradley Herd, Mr Andrew Logan (arrived at 1.23 pm), Mr Bill Moorhouse, Ms Helen Robinson, Mr Alex Rubin, Mr Toong Chin (audio visual), Mr Mark Tirris and Mr Blake Williamson.

In Attendance

LCC Officers: Ms Van Iersel, Acting Head Planning & Environment; Ms Longstaff, Senior Strategic Planner; Mr Pilling, Flood Restoration Surveillance Officer (audio-visual), Ms Anderson, Emergency Management Coordinator, Ms Hull, Executive Assistant.

Presenters: Ms Catherine Knight, Ms Karen McPaul, Ms Angela Jones, Mr Stephen Yeo (audio-visual) and Ms Holly Langers

Observers: Beth Trevan (audio-visual), Richard Trevan (audio-visual) Rosslyn Martens, Luke Robinson and Ross Davies

Apologies

Michael Ackrell

Non Attendance

Councillor Harper Dalton-Earls

Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes from the meeting dated 4 June 2025 be confirmed

(Member Robinson / Councillor Rob)

Voting For: Councillors Rob, Jensen, Waters, Knight-Smith, Members: Askey,

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Baker, Flynn, Herd, Logan, Moorhouse, Robinson, Rubin and Tirris.

Voting Against: Nil

Disclosure of Interest

Mr Col Baker disclosed he owns two houses that were flood effected in South Lismore.

Mr Bradley Herd disclosed that through his work he has been involved in modelling options which may be a conflict of interest.

4.1 Update from the NSW Reconstruction Authority

RESOLVED that the Committee note the update.

(Members Askey / Robinson)

Voting For: Councillors Rob, Jensen, Waters, Knight-Smith, Members: Askey, Baker, Flynn, Herd, Logan, Moorhouse, Robinson, Rubin and Tirris.

Voting Against: Nil

4.2 Update from Council's Emergency Management Coordinator

RESOLVED that the Committee note Council's progress across multiple flood preparedness initiatives, including:

- Installation of flood monitoring cameras and signage, future expansion planning (subject to funding opportunities), development of a draft webpage and supporting Flood Monitoring Policy;
- Integration of the Browns Creek Pump Station overtopping display into the Disaster Dashboard;
- Participation in the national Flood Warning Infrastructure Network (FWIN) Program; and
- Planning for Flood Awareness Week 2025.

(Member Herd / Councillor Waters)

Voting For: Councillors Rob, Jensen, Waters, Knight-Smith, Members: Askey, Baker, Flynn, Herd, Logan, Moorhouse, Robinson, Rubin and Tirris.

Voting Against: Nil

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4.3 Update on Flood Risk Management Plan

RESOLVED that the Committee note the report.

(Members Herd / Robinson)

Voting For: Councillors Rob, Jensen, Waters, Knight-Smith, Members: Askey, Baker, Flynn, Herd, Logan, Moorhouse, Robinson, Rubin and Tirris

Voting Against: Nil

4.4 Flood Risk Management Plan - consultant

RESOLVED that the Committee recommend Council staff send an enquiry to CSIRO seeking confirmation on whether they can do a Flood Risk Management Plan and if so, will it be in compliance with the NSW flood risk management manual and if they can provide a cost estimate.

(Councillor Rob / Member Rubin)

Voting For: Councillors Rob, Jensen, Waters, Knight-Smith, Members: Askey, Baker, Flynn, Herd, Logan, Moorhouse, Robinson, Rubin and Tirris

Voting Against: Nil

4.5 Update on Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative

DEFEATED that the committee recommend that Council write to NEMA and CSIRO advocating improved community engagement with more information on suggested mitigation measures that be considered by the NRRI project. It is requested that the scope and suggested mitigation measures be more clearly and visually stepped out to better enable the community to make involved submissions.

(Councillor Waters / Member Herd)

Voting For: Cr Waters, Ms Robinson, Mr Herd

Voting Against: Councillors Rob, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Members: Askey, Baker, Logan, Moorhouse, Rubin, Tirris and Flynn

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4.6 3D Renders - Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative (NRR)

That the committee recommend that Council write to NEMA and CSIRO requesting the shortlisted mitigation interventions as part of the NRR project be recreated in 3D renders for use in community engagement

(Member Herd / Councillor Rob)

Voting For: Councillors Rob, Jensen, Waters, Knight-Smith, Members: Askey, Baker, Flynn, Herd, Logan, Moorhouse, Robinson, Rubin and Tirris

Voting Against: Nil

Closure

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 4.17 pm.