



# Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee

**Hearing Date:** 10 October 2023

## **Questions taken on notice**

**Directed to:** Moira Shire Council, Dr Graeme Emonson and Kate

Goldsmith **Received Date:** 27 October 2023

### 1. **Wendy Lovell, page 9**

#### **Question Asked:**

**So has the council looked at the infrastructure that has been built in that area – the Goulburn–Murray Water channels et cetera – that the farmers are telling me is the reason that the water was not draining from the area?**

#### **Response:**

Council has not undertaken a detailed investigation to date of issues relating to any development that may have prohibited water flows/drainage within the area in question.

Council is responsible road roadside drainage in rural areas adjacent to the local road network (with the Department of Transport & Planning being responsible for roadside drainage servicing the arterial road network). Goulburn Murray Water have responsibilities for drainage networks that were created / necessitated through the development of the water channel distribution system.

It is also believed that the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority have a broad understanding of flood flows in the subject area and will likely have over-arching documentation which may be of interest, such as the Goulburn Broken Regional Floodplain Management Strategy.

### 2. **Melina Bath, page 26**

#### **Question Asked:**

**... you mentioned that there was a Deloitte impact assessment report.**

**Could you provide that to the committee?**

#### **Response:**

The Deloitte Impact Assessment report has been provided via email to Lilian Topic on Wednesday 18 October 2023

**(See Attachment 1)**

3. **Melina Bath, page 26**

**Question Asked:**

**... In relation to the SES and the discussion around that as the lead agency and the thin nature of volunteers – and we adore volunteers in our community – and the CMA, it would be interesting for you to maybe provide some feedback. We can give you the Hansard record on this anyway. CMAs are very much the information gatherers. As you said, Kate, they are in the field, but they do not do emergency response. So what other agency – could it be a CMA CFA? I am just literally throwing that on the table. If you could provide a suggestion or a system review of that, maybe with the CMA involved but maybe with a CFA involved – just have a think around that.**

**Response:**

Moir Council's experience is that the State Emergency Service (SES) is the appropriate lead response agency for flooding events. It is important to strengthen the message to the community that responses by agencies to any hazard or emergency is an 'all hazards all agencies' approach. That is, there are many government agencies involved in flood emergency response, including the catchment management authorities, to cover the vast range of community requirements. Each agency has their own important area of expertise, working as one under the direction of a lead agency. This approach is one that embraces the merging and utilisation of all volunteers and other resources for a more efficient and effective delivery of response. In our view, the SES is best positioned to be the lead response agency for flooding, but they need to be adequately resourced to fulfill this function effectively.