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Burnett River Floodplain Action Plan

The public consultation process - September, 2013

Council is seeking ideas and feedback from members of the community to better understand what options and strategies they would like Council to consider as part of the Burnett River Floodplain Action Plan.

The project will be informed by consultation with the community and technical representatives, and confirm the top five floodplain management options and strategies.

The public ideas collection will include feedback from the public, a dedicated independently-facilitated Community Reference Group and a Technical Working Group. The ideas and feedback will be summarised in a report and be fed into the Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA). The MCA will provide a robust and transparent tool to refine resilience strategies informed by the public consultation by assessing them against a set of agreed weighted criteria.

Who makes up the Community Reference Group (CRG)?

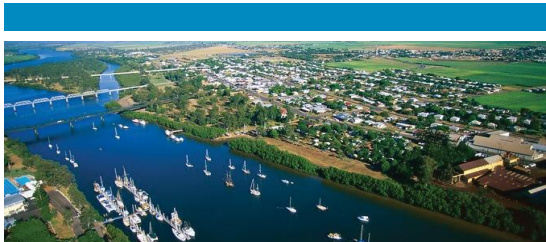
Members of the CRG will play an active role in the development of the Action Plan and gather the collective thoughts and ideas from their respective community networks. This will ensure Council can consider all aspects when deciding on the set of options that will be fed into the MCA process.

Through a letter of invitation and via a public call for interested parties, CRG members will represent a wide cross-section of the community and include residents directly impacted by the floods, community services representatives, environmental groups and business/industry leaders.

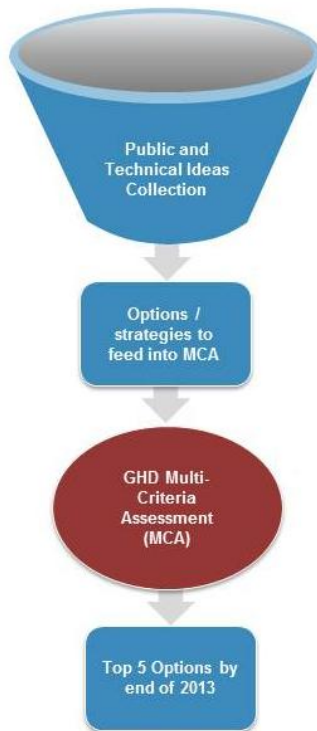
An independent Chairperson will be appointed to conduct and manage meeting proceedings with the objective of ensuring the meetings are run fairly and without bias.

Key responsibilities of the members include:

- Providing input into the development of the Burnett River Floodplain Action Plan
- Communicating information and updating their respective networks
- Participating in the project's public consultation program to help encourage the gathering of ideas and feedback from the community
- Collectively agreeing to the floodplain management options assessment criteria and weighting used during the MCA; and



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- Representing the community by submitting a report to Council in early December 2013 detailing the CRG's refined list of floodplain management options.

What is the Technical Working Group (TWG)?

In parallel with the public ideas collection, technical inputs from key stakeholder organisations will be sought at critical points in the process. The TWG will seek to gain insight into the individual requirements and concerns of State Government agencies such as the SES, Transport and Main Roads, and Emergency Services.

The TWG will identify and discuss potential floodplain management strategies, including options put forward by the CRG and also collectively agree to the floodplain management options assessment criteria and weighting used during the MCA.

How else can the community participate in the consultation process?

Wider public consultation will be conducted by holding six information sessions at various locations throughout the Bundaberg region. This is a golden opportunity for residents to learn more about the project and have an opportunity to speak with project team members and provide their feedback.

To view the information session dates and venues, please visit <http://bundaberg.qld.gov.au/> or contact the Bundaberg Regional Council team at:
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