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Draft Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for Cootamundra on Public Exhibition.

Council is working through the NSW Government Floodplain Risk Management Process, which will ultimately help consider the consequences of living on flood prone land.

The first stage, the Cootamundra Flood Study was finalised and adopted by Council in January 2021. This study identified flood risk to people, property, infrastructure, and assets across the study area, resulting from localised overland flow and large rainfall events over the broader catchment.

With assistance from the NSW Government, we have prepared the Draft Cootamundra Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan. This project is the next step in increasing our community's resilience to flooding. The Draft Plan identifies measures and strategies aimed at reducing the impacts of flood risk to residents and businesses in the study area.

The Draft Study and Plan has been developed under the guidance of Council's Floodplain Risk Management Committee, which includes elected members of Council (Councillors), Council staff and community representatives.

Council engaged WMAwater to assist in the preparation of the Draft Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan. The draft has been prepared in accordance with the NSW Government's Flood Prone Land Policy, as outlined in the NSW Floodplain Development Manual 2005.

Council is holding a drop-in information session for the community at the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre in Wallendoon Street Cootamundra on Thursday 27th April 2023 from 3pm – 6pm. The community can drop in at any time between these hours to meet with Council staff and WMAwater.

A further information session will be held at a venue to be confirmed, on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7pm. This session will include a more formal presentation of the draft recommendations, as well as an overview of the themes coming from the exhibition period. Following this session any additional submissions/feedback will be accepted until 16th May 2023.

Information, documents and submission invitations are available at:

<https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/connect-with-us/have-your-say/documents-on-public-exhibition/>

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