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1.2 Preparation and planning

- River level gauges –
 - o who is responsible for implementing to understand river heights and who is responsible for monitoring.
 - o Timing of updates on river heights is an issue – every 2 hours (sometimes longer) is not sufficient.
 - o Ownership – multiple standards real time data is so important to monitor potential natural disaster situations

Weather stations need to be installed in upper catchments to understand rain fall. Currently await river heights to determine potential natural disasters to lower catchment areas.

Future investment is required for flood resilience to improve community response and resilience

Development controls – review approvals process to ensure isolation doesn't occur as a result of developing floods

1.3 Response to floods

SES being primarily a volunteer organisation and the lack of funding has localised impacts.

Volunteers or combat agencies from out of area lack local knowledge and understanding of local processes creating confusion

Record Management for Natural Disasters across LGA borders may be an issue without a consistent platform.

1.4 Transition from incident response to recovery

Compiling information from Agency Impact Assessment Collection during Response Phase and merging information collected from Recovery phase was completed by Council and referrals made to other State Agencies such as

LLS and PWA. Often available services and roles of these agencies are ambiguous.

1.5 Recovery from floods

The funding model for infrastructure damage on both Crown and Council Local Roads needs review as the process is arduous and varying reporting forms to TfNSW, Resilience NSW and Office of Local Government is hard to navigate.

Lack of resources and contractors to undertake urgent works is a problem

Costs for Private access roads, landslips and damages from flood and extensive rainfall is minimal and generally grants or support generally only accessible for low-income earners.

Disaster Funding Arrangements for both Councils, local community groups and landowners is hard to navigate and overwhelming

Supporting documents or images
