



The General Manager
Hornsby Shire Council

Dear Sir,

Draft Flood Risk Management Study and Plan (FRMS&P)

The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust (BCCT) has been receiving a number of emails from local residents regarding the draft flood risk management study and plan. No doubt Council has also received a similar number.

The Trust notes that the study was exhibited some time ago and going on memory Council held a public meeting in Pennant Hills. The BCCT has noticed that the number of enquiries this time around has been significantly more than the previous exhibition. The BCCT has also contacted the neighbouring Epping and Pennant Hills Civic Trusts who have indicated that they also are receiving a number of emails on the subject.

The general comments centre around how a property that has never experienced flooding is affected now. And why are houses located near a ridgeline can be affected. Many residents are concerned that insurance companies will be influenced by the study and mapping.

The BCCT is aware that the mapping includes localised surface runoff in extreme weather conditions. Also the BCCT suspects the accuracy of the mapping is based on satellite mapping and has informed residents this is likely to be the case.

However, many residents have requested a public meeting so the study and mapping can be explained. The documentation is lengthy and detailed and in this age of social media people are often time poor and tend to quickly read through documents.

The BCCT requests that Council arrange a public meeting so the study and mapping can be explained in a face to face discussion. . The BCCT also strongly suggests that if Council does hold a public meeting then the closing date be extended till after the subject meeting. The BCCT and other civic trusts can advertise the public meeting. As this study and mapping has been driven by the State Government the Member for Epping Monica Tudehope has also been included in this email

Yours Sincerely,

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President
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