

Option	Description	Benefits	Concerns	Priority		Responsibility	Status
Feasibility study to investigate a Voluntary House Raising & Voluntary Purchase Scheme in Wagga Wagga Study Area. The feasibility study is to be investigated in conjunction with Option L4B (see below)*.	Residential properties located outside leveed areas may be eligible for voluntary house raising which aims to reduce property damages to residential dwellings, or voluntary purchase, which aims to remove residents from high hazard areas and prevent future development of the purchased lot.Feasibility study is to include economic appraisal of both options, eligibility criteria for participation, identification of construction constraints and extensive community consultation to determine likely participation rates.	The frequency of overfloor inundation (and hence property damage) is significantly reduced by raising the dwelling above the Flood Planning Level. This option can provide benefits to many dwellings across the floodplain without impacting others. Voluntary purchase reduces the number of residents in high hazard areas and can improve conveyance by removing dwellings and rezoning lots to prevent future development.	Suitability for house raising depends on building footings (slab on ground not appropriate), which may limit participation.Some residents may not want stairs due to health and mobility issues.Economic viability of this scheme would be directly linked with participation rates.Raised houses could encourage residents to 'shelter in place' during floods, however isolation and long durations of floods put them at high risk. Significant ongoing education efforts will be required to ensure any evacuation orders are heeded.	High*		Strategy and Projects	The report is completed and will be discussed by Council on the 27/05/2024
Feasibility Study to investigate North Wagga Levee Upgrade to 5% AEP level of protection including upgrade to Hampden Avenue to equivalent level (as embankment and conveyance improvements through Wilks Park. Feasibility study is to be conducted in conjunction with Option PR1 (see above)*.	Undertake a study to further investigate and determine the feasibility of raising the North Wagga Levee to a 5% AEP level of protection, and raising Hampden Avenue to an equivalent level with some excavation of Wilks Park to improve conveyance and offset upstream flood impacts. The feasibility study is to include EIS for the park excavation, geotechnical assessment of existing levee, site-by-site assessment of third party impacts and extensive community consultation.	Moderate reduction in frequency of inundation and property damages in North Wagga and minor benefits upstream due to increased flow conveyance beneath the newly excavated Wilks Bridge.	Significant concerns regarding risk to life of residents inside levee: ongoing education required to ensure residents fully understand the level of protection the levee would offer. Raising the levee has external adverse flood impacts on a number of properties which require further investigation. The upgrade involves additional excavation beneath Wilks Park Bridge which is likely to have associated environmental impacts. Other concerns include the high capital cost and the need for ongoing maintenance.	High*		Strategy and Projects	The report is completed and will be discussed by Council on the 27/05/2024
Update the recently completed Vegetation Management Plan to consider new state biodiversity legislation instruments, then draft Standard Operation Procedures for selected recommended activities.	The recently completed VMP was written in accordance with new biodiversity legislation, however implementation guides and instruments were not available at the time of writing. Following completion, Council is to select recommended activities to progress, and draft Standard Operating Procedures for these items.	Controlled vegetation management ensures that in the long term, vegetation does not roughen the riparian zone excessively, and to protect areas of ecological value (especially habitat for native fauna).	There is a perception that broadscale clearing may occur, however vegetation management activities will be targeted and controlled. Vegetation management will not explicitly reduce flood affectation, however will ensure that over time flood behaviour is not worsened by increased riparian roughness due to increased vegetation density.	High		Environment and Regulatory Services	Implementation of actions from the Vegetation Management Plan are being progressed including management of exotic plant species and weeds. Grant funding was received and willows in the floodplain were removed.

Improve Flood Warning System	Various measures to continue and improve on Wagga Wagga's existing flood warning systems, both to enhance flood forecasting and dissemination of information to the public, including investigation of "DipStik" to be installed at Oura to provide water level alerts.	Improved warning systems will better increase the accuracy and timeliness of flood predictions and improve the communication methods to deliver accurate and persuasive messages during flooding.	BOM is responsible for issuing Flood Watch and Flood Warnings.	High		Strategy and Projects	Council have received a grant from DCCEEW to continue the next stage of this project
Flood Emergency Management Planning	Review and update current Council and SES emergency flood response documents, drawing from latest modelling and recent floods.	Improved flood planning reduces flood risk to life and property, assisting residents of flood prone areas better prepare themselves and their property for flooding.	There are a number of documents to be updated and coordinated.	High		Strategy and Projects. SES	SES have finalised work on updating their floodplans. Council staff have completed updating the Levee Owners Manual and Flood Emergency Response Operations Plan
Community Flood Education	Ongoing community engagement is key to maintaining flood awareness, which can wane as time between flood events increases.	A flood aware community is generally better prepared for flooding, more responsive to evacuation orders and more resilient in recovery.	Levee upgrades can cause increased complacency in residents, which needs to be gently targeted with ongoing flood education campaigns.	High		SES	The NSW government have released a set of information that will assist Council with the ongoing education of the community with regard to flooding. Council have an ongoing program to improve the information on Council's website to provide a current source of reliable informaiton for the community
Future consideration of increasing conveyance beneath Wiradjuri Bridge by extending span and/or excavating beneath the bridge.	Future Option: use planned upgrades to Wiradjuri Bridge (maintenance/ traffic capacity upgrade etc.) as an opportunity to improve flood conveyance between North and South Wagga.	Increasing flow conveyance reduces flood levels across the floodplain upstream of Wiradjuri Bridge and reduces flood damages in the CBD, Wagga Floodplain and parts of North Wagga.	There may be adverse impacts downstream of the bridge, high capital costs and ongoing maintenance costs. Would have to be undertaken in conjunction with other bridge works.	Low		Strategy and Projects	Will be incorporated into the outcome of the North Wagga Flood Mitigation feasibilty Study

Improved Access to Oura	Long term, staged upgrades to raise Oura Road (or other route) above the 1% AEP flood level.	Flood free access east-west across Wagga Wagga to Oura is beneficial not only to residents of Oura but to communities across the Riverina.	This road intersects several major flow paths and would require significant culverts/ bridge sections. Costs would be significant.	Low		Strategy and Projects	Initial investigations have highlighted significant issues with this proposal. This does not look to be a feasible option in the short-term
Improved Access to Gumly Gumly	Long term, staged upgrades to raise or divert the Sturt Highway (or other route) above the 1% AEP flood level between East Wagga and Gumly Gumly.	Flood free access east-west across Wagga Wagga to Oura is beneficial not only to residents of Gumly Gumly but to communities across the Riverina.	This road intersects several major flow paths and would require significant culverts/ bridge sections. Costs would be significant. Sturt Highway is owned by RMS.	Low		Strategy and Projects TfNSW	This was raised with TfNSW and they will investigate options for flood proofing the Sturt Highway as the road is rehabilitated as part of the future roadworks programs
Move Flood Planning Area mapping into the Wagga Wagga DCP, whilst retaining the definition of the Flood Planning Area and Flood Planning Level in the LEP.	A general definition of both FPL and FPA is to remain in LEP, with details and FPA mapping provided in the DCP for ease of updating following the completion of future studies.	By keeping the FPA mapping in the DCP, Council would not be required to prepare a Planning Proposal each time the FPA map is updated (e.g. with completion of future flood studies).	This amendment to the LEP would require Council to submit a planning proposal.	High	General Changes		Awaiting finalisation of the update to the LEP to allow reference to the FPA map in DCP.
Reformat DCP to Matrix style document	The Development Control Plan (DCP) is currently a long, wordy and cumbersome document. Reverting to a matrix style format will make it easier for Council and the public to apply and understand.	Matrix style with controls dependent on hydraulic categorisation and hydraulic hazard will be clearer and simpler to interpret. Controls specific to each precinct are not necessary.	There may be resistance to moving away from precinct-centric controls, however the proposed format would be more equitable and clearer about which controls apply to a proposed development.	High		Regional Activation	Engaged consultants in August 2018 to update flooding controls in DCP - process identified issues with completion prior to completion of VOFFs and MOFFs. These issues are yet to be resolved.

Add clause to LEP to control critical facilities and vulnerable land uses between the FPA and PMF extent.	This clause empowers Council to apply appropriate flood related controls to critical facilities within the PMF extent that fall outside the FPA (which are not subject to the DCP).	Critical facilities including schools, aged care facilities, childcare facilities outside of the FPA are not currently subject to development controls, however are vulnerable to flood risk in events greater than the 1% AEP. This clause will require development of critical facilities to consider and prepare for flooding during the development application stage	This amendment to the LEP would require Council to submit a planning proposal, which could be lodged in conjunction with Option PL1.	High	Controls to reduce risk to life	Regional Activation	NSW Planning are currently in the process of reviewing standard flood clause. Council has been involved in this process. It is anticipated this will be updated automatically in the LEP without the need for Council to prepare an amendment. Expected completion 2021.
Requirement of Site Specific Flood Emergency Plans	Certain types of developments will be required to provide site specific emergency flood plans to demonstrate how occupants and stock will be kept safe during and after flood events.	Preparation of a plan increases the flood awareness of the business owner and reduces risk to life of staff or occupants by improving evacuation efficiency and preparedness. Increased awareness can also reduce property damages by preparing the site for flooding.	There may be resistance from developers, as preparation of a site-specific flood plan may be considered onerous to prospective developers.	High			Similar controls currently exist in the DCP. Any review and update of these controls will retain this provision.
Flood Risk Info on s149 Planning Certificates	Increase depth of flood information to be provided on s149(2) and (5) certificates to identify the property's flood hazard, hydraulic category and whether or not flood related development controls apply.	The more informed a home owner is, the greater the understanding of their flood risk. During a flood event this information can help prepare residents to evacuate and reduces the number of residents that elect to take shelter in high hazard areas.	None -s149 certificates already contain basic information, Council to provide further detail from current FRMS results.	High		Planning	Flood related development controls are provided on certificates. Further investigation is required to determine whether flood hazard and hydraulic category can be provided under liability requirements.
Controls to set Minimum Floor Levels	The Flood Planning Level (FPL) for a variety of types of development is set at a design flood event level plus a freeboard.	Incidences of overfloor inundation can be reduced for new developments by ensuring their floor levels are set at the FPL (as a minimum).	FPL and FPA to be updated based on results from this FRMS and applied appropriately to various types of development.	High		Planning	Completed. Controls currently exist in DCP. New data from FRMP&S is currently being used when assessing development applications.

Controls to set Minimum Flood Proofing Levels	Flood proofing to the FPL is to be required for certain types of development to reduce flood damages.	Implementation of a minimum flood proofing level can lead to reduced flood damages. Wet or dry flood proofing could be allowed at the developer's discretion.	FPL and FPA to be updated based on results from this FRMS and applied appropriately to various types of development.	High	Controls to reduce proposed development	Planning	Completed. Controls currently exist in the DCP. Updates to the DCP controls resulting from adoption of final FRMP&S, VOFF & MOFF will retain provisions for flood proofing levels.
Controls to ensure appropriate building design and materials	Certain developments are to be certified by an engineer to ensure they can withstand flooding forces, buoyancy and debris.	Developments in higher hazard areas or the floodway may be subject to fast flowing or deep floodwaters, and buoyant debris. This control will ensure such buildings are constructed suitably to withstand such forces and reduce damages and hazard.	There may be resistance from developers, as engineering certification may be considered onerous to prospective developers.	High		Planning	Completed. Controls currently exist in the DCP. Updates to the DCP controls resulting from adoption of final FRMP&S, VOFF & MOFF will retain provisions for building design and materials.
Controls to Manage Offsite Impacts: Flood Impact Assessment	A flood impact assessment can be used to demonstrate that a proposed development will not have any adverse flood impacts elsewhere in the floodplain (e.g. on a neighbouring property).	Developments in higher hazard areas or the floodway may cause adverse flood impacts to other properties and contribute to impacts of cumulative development. This control requires developments of a certain size to submit an impact assessment to demonstrate no offsite flood impacts occur	There may be resistance from developers, as a flood impact assessment may be considered onerous to prospective developers.	High	Controls to reduce risk to the wider floodplain		Completed. Controls currently exist in the DCP. Updates to the DCP controls resulting from adoption of final FRMP&S, VOFF & MOFF will retain provisions for flood impact assessment.
Appropriate Dwelling Design	Redevelopment of existing dwellings should be undertaken so as to improve flood risk where possible, and development controls can be used to achieve improvement over time.	The proposed controls seek to reduce the flood impacts of a replaced dwelling by, for example, locating it on the part of the lot with the lowest hazard, orienting the dwelling to cause least obstruction of flow, requiring minimum floor levels above the FPL, and using open piers to allow flow beneath the property.	There may be limited scope to change the siting of the dwelling or resistance to having open space beneath houses.	High			Completed. Controls currently exist in the DCP. Updates to the DCP controls resulting from adoption of final FRMP&S, VOFF & MOFF will retain provisions for appropriate dwelling design.