

Notice of Motion

Council Meeting 16 February 2022

Subject: Dunoon Dam

I hereby move:

That Council:

1. Adopt Revision 7 of the Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy (Attachment 1) and update Revision 7 of the IWCM to reflect the inclusion of Dunoon dam investigations as part of the Future Water Project 2060
2. Approve the completion of detailed cultural heritage and biodiversity assessments associated with the proposed Dunoon dam in consultation with relevant Traditional Custodians.
3. Defer implementing the resolution associated with the proposed Dunoon dam, resolved by Council at its meeting of 16 December 2020 (resolution [61/20] Item 2), until after Stage 3 options have been determined (Attachment 2)
4. Utilise existing budget allocations for Dunoon dam land management to progress the actions in Item 2.

Signed: Councillor Big Rob

Date: 19 January 2022

Staff comment

1. Revision 6 of the IWCM was attached to the agenda for the 21/07/2021 Extraordinary Council meeting and was updated after that meeting to Revision 7, which is the version on Council's website. Changes made from Revision 6 to 7 include:
 - a. Updated to reflect the outcomes of consultation in the second public exhibition period.
 - b. Dunoon Dam land disposal was removed from work plans and budgets (disposal of Dunoon Dam land had previously been included based on prior Council decisions).
 - c. Other minor changes.
2. Completion of detailed cultural heritage and biodiversity assessments for the proposed Dunoon Dam site are expected to take a number of years to complete. Work to develop the Scope of Work for these assessments can commence this FY in consultation with stakeholders, including Traditional Custodians of the land.

3. Since the Council resolution [61/20] of December 2020, physical work on the proposed Dunoon Dam site has been limited to management of the buildings, fences, and weeds on the sites. In addition, information to support the registration of the identified sites from the 2013 report on the *Proposed Dam Preliminary Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment* by Ainsworth Heritage on the NSW Government's Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has been provided to Heritage NSW.
4. A budget of \$156,000 was allocated for the 2021/22 FY for activities associated with the Dunoon Dam. Of this budget, \$149,000 remains unspent and available to progress detailed cultural heritage and biodiversity assessments associated with the proposed Dunoon Dam. A budget of \$159,200 and \$216,400 for proposed Dunoon Dam activities is available in 2022/23 and 2023/24 respectively. Requests for additional budget allocations for the detailed cultural heritage and biodiversity assessments will be brought to Council for consideration.

Attachments:

1. Revision 7 of the Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy
2. Rous County Council meeting minutes 16 December 2020 (resolution [61/20] Item 2)