
Notice of Motion

Browns Creek Pump Station on the Lismore Levee

I hereby move:

That Council provide the following information to Lismore City Council in relation to the Browns Creek Pump Station on the Lismore Levee:

1. Additional works able to be undertaken to ensure that pumps are not damaged or blocked during operation.
2. Options, including estimated costs, available to Lismore City Council to increase pump capacity, improve pump reliability during and after a flood when electricity supply is often unavailable, and improve pump availability for regular service, particularly following flood events.
3. Recommendations to assist Lismore City Council to increase the capacity, reliability and resilience of the Browns Creek Pump Station.
4. Opportunities to jointly seek immediate grant funding through State and Federal channels to increase the capacity, reliability and resilience of the Browns Creek Pump Station.

Signed: Councillor Big Rob

Date: 26 May 2022

Staff comment

With reference to the four points above, Council staff can contact relevant Lismore City Council (LCC) staff and collaboratively work to investigate additional options and works which may be appropriate to improve the overall capacity, reliability and resilience of the Browns Creek Pump Station. A report will be provided to Council on the outcomes of this work and any recommendations.

This work would continue from the work that has occurred since the February 2022 floods. As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place between Council and LCC for the management of the Lismore Levee Scheme, since the flood, Council staff and LCC staff have worked together to carry out inspections of the levee system and its components, identify damaged assets and provide information to Public Works Advisory (PWA) for provision of funding under the Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements (NDFA) in place. Repairs and replacement works for the levee scheme assets will be managed by LCC, with Council managing the interactions with PWA around the funding provision.