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# Notice of Motion

**Council meeting 21 June 2023**

## **Acquisition of low-lying, high-risk rural floodplain areas**

*I hereby move the following motion:*

That Council investigate a policy position on the acquisition of low-lying, high-risk rural floodplain areas noting:

- Artificial drainage of the lowest lying land has the worst environmental impact.
- Council has responsibility for drains, canals and floodgates that drain these areas.
- These areas were badly impacted in the recent floods, and residents in these areas are at high risk.
- Current voluntary programs that facilitate acquisition, land use change and the removal of artificial drainage.
- Council's role in broad strategic planning on the floodplain.
- The need to utilise external funding (grant or otherwise) is required.

Councillor Big Rob

Date: 28 April 2023

Signature 

### **Staff comment**

With reference to the points above, staff will undertake research into the matter and provide options regarding a policy position through a workshop later in 2023 for Council feedback.