

APPENDIX H

Notes from the Community Info Sessions for the Kempsey CBD Flood Study and Plan

13 February 2017

Comment/Issue Raised	Response
Need to change the names of the levees –	
Polo creek – the opening of the Kinchella, Bellmore gates – they know from their properties Polo Creek when the gates have opened, because it is visible on the ground.	Ron noted that it was not considered to have impact, based on discharge rates as noted in the presentation.. OEH suggested that this kind of anecdotal on ground information was valuable.
In the plan is there the intention to close the gates or manage gates.	There are plans for the gates already. Ron I think this is what was intended then.
Additional gauges along the river are needed	Noted- already an action in the plan
Better coordination of information in flood event needed.	

Notes from the Business Info Sessions for the Kempsey CBD Flood Study and Plan

15 February 2017

Comment/ Issue Raised	Response
People know levels in feet, but not AHD. Need to educate the community on what the AHD relates to in feet. Should send this out to everyone or put the information up on flood levels in the CBD. Needs to be sent out to everyone, and put on fridge magnets.	Information Brochure has been prepared by the SES and has been available to the community. Information sent to individual in the post.
How come dredging of the river is not an option.	The study determined that this action would have little effect to reduce the impact of flood.
Has Maguire's crossing made any difference	Generally the answer was no.
How much will the zoning change.	Noted figure 12. Exact answer not possible yet. There is the land noted for consideration for zone change in Figure12. Further actions to update the LEP would need to consider the recommended changes where indicated and work out what zone would be the best.
Why not raise the levees?	Study determined that the cost benefit analysis resulted in this option being excluded.
Need better information during and after flood. More logistic support needed.	Noted
Information control and quality of information needs to be better regulated in a flood event.	Noted
Markers around town with flood heights in ft and AHD would be useful	Noted
Need to resolve the issues with the flood gauges, readings and info that is available.	Noted