

Appendix B

Community Engagement Materials



Davistown-Empire Bay residents invited to talk about life on the floodplain

Central Coast Council is preparing a Floodplain Risk Management Study for the areas of Davistown-Empire Bay as part of the NSW Government's Floodplain Management Program.

Residents living in the suburbs of Davistown, Empire Bay and parts of Bensville are invited to have their say on the next phase of the study of the Davistown-Empire Bay catchments.

Council's Acting Director Environment and Planning, Brett Sherar said that the Floodplain Risk Management Study is an important part of Council's responsibility.

"We know that flooding has the potential to cause considerable damage and disruption to a community, and with this study we hope to put in place plans to mitigate the risks," Mr Sherar said.

"By asking our community to share their experiences, particularly since the last time this study was conducted almost 10 years ago, we can make the necessary changes required to plan for the future."

Properties owners identified as being within the floodplain are being directly invited to participate in a postal survey. Drop-in sessions will also be held where residents can find out more.

Central Coast Mayor Lisa Matthews said Council was keen to hear from the community.

"The best way to plan for the future is to combine the science and modelling with the lessons learnt by those living within the floodplain," Mayor Matthews said.

"I would encourage the Davistown and Empire Bay communities to come along to the sessions we are holding, complete the survey and sign up to stay informed as we plan for the future."

Drop in sessions are being held at:

- Davistown Progress Association Hall, Davistown on 16 October 2019 between 4pm and 7.30pm
- Empire Bay Progress Association Hall Community Centre, Empire Bay on 17 October 2019 between 4pm and 7.30pm

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Davistown and Empire Bay Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan



In 2010 Central Coast Council completed a Flood Study for the suburbs of Davistown, Empire Bay and Bensville. The study identified flood risks in the local area. Council, with the support from the NSW Government’s Floodplain Management Grant Program, is now undertaking a Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (FRMSP) to look at ways to manage flood risk. Council is seeking input from the community on how to best manage flooding.



In 2010 Council completed a Flood Study for Davistown and Empire Bay. In 2015 Council also adopted a FRMSP for the Brisbane Water foreshore.



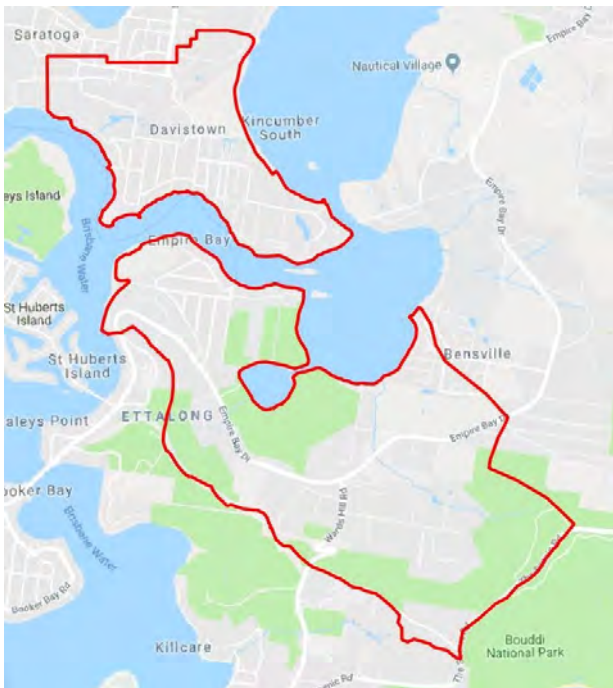
Flooding has occurred within the study area due to ocean storms, local intense rainfall and extreme tides.



More than 2,000 properties within the study area could be affected by flooding in extreme ocean and rainfall events.



Council is asking the community what flood risks they are concerned about and how they would like Council to address the risks.



At Council we know some parts of the Local Government Area (LGA) are more prone to flooding than others and we’re committed to finding solutions to reduce the social and economic damages of flooding.

A Flood Study was completed for Davistown and Empire Bay in 2010 and The Brisbane Water Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan was completed in 2015. The studies found a range of flooding issues including flooding of private properties, roads and public space. Flooding is caused by creek and estuary flooding during large rainfall events, as well inundation from ocean storms.

The Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan will be looking at options to manage flooding and its consequences. This may include drainage upgrades, foreshore barriers, raising roads, property filling, drainage easements, planning and development controls, community awareness programs or evacuation procedures.

Council will be identifying potential options with the input from the community and will then assess the options and identify what actions Council, SES and the community can undertake to improve flood risk.

Do you have any local knowledge of flooding around Davistown and Empire Bay?

Council would like to hear from you by email, phone or by filling in a brief online questionnaire (yourvoiceourcoast.com/DEBFloodplain) or by return mail (postage paid envelope included). Your responses will help us understand the local flooding problems in more detail. Local knowledge and personal experiences of flooding are an invaluable source of data. You can also share your knowledge and thoughts with the project team at the community drop in sessions listed below.

Community drop in sessions will be held:



- **Wednesday 16 October 4pm-7:30pm Davistown Progress Hall (5 McCauley Street, Davistown)**
- **Thursday 17 October 4pm-7:30pm, Empire Bay Progress Hall (1 Gordon Road, Empire Bay)**

You are invited to come along to find out more about the study and to share with the project team your experiences and concerns about flooding in the local area.



www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/DEBFloodplain
Previous flood studies can be accessed here



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Submissions should be provided by Friday
16th November 2019



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Community Feedback Form

Contact Details:

Name _____

Address (including Lot / DP, if known) _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

How long have you lived, worked or visited in and around Davistown and Empire Bay?

_____ years

How aware are you of flooding in and around Davistown and Empire Bay? (select one)

Aware ___ Some knowledge ___ Not aware ___

Do you have any specific concerns about flooding related to Davistown and Empire Bay?

(e.g. locations of frequent or severe flooding, or specific impacts of flooding on roads, properties, assets or access)

Do you have any suggestions on how this flooding could be managed better?

When Council manages flooding, what is important to you?

How important is it that flood management:	Not important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
Community access and recreational use					
Does not disadvantage individual members of the community					
Safety of the community during flooding					
Community awareness and understanding of the local flood risk					
Impacts of flood management on local plants and animals and their habitat					
Does not cause water quality issues					
Requires minimal cost to Council and the community					
Reduces flood damages to the community					
Does not cause negative flood impacts to other locations					



How do you anticipate you would respond in a major flood in this area?

- Evacuate early to an official evacuation centre
- Evacuate elsewhere—please describe: _____
- Remain at my house
- Other—please describe: _____
- Don't know / unsure
- I would be interested in information to assist me in responding to a flood

If you were to evacuate, what would be the reasons for you to evacuate? (Select all that apply)

- Discomfort / inconvenience / cost of being isolated by floodwater
- Need for uninterrupted access to medical facilities. Please specify: _____
- Safety of our household
- Other—please describe: _____

If you were to remain at your house, what would be the reasons for your to stay? (Select all that apply)

- Discomfort / inconvenience / cost of evacuating
- Need to care for animals
- I know my house can not be flooded and we can cope with isolation
- Concern for security of my property if I evacuate
- Other—please describe: _____
- Not applicable (I intend to evacuate from my house)

What information do you look for during a flood event (e.g. road closures, evacuation notices) and where do you currently get updates and information (e.g. websites, radio, TV, social media)

Can Council or our consultant contact you for further information relating to your responses to this survey? Yes / No (circle) **Would you prefer to be contacted by:** Phone / Email (please circle)

Do you give Council permission to use your supplied photos and information for the purposes of publicity or inclusion in the project documents? Yes / No (circle)

Please feel free to attach additional pages.

Please provide your responses via email, mail, phone or online through Council's website



Online: www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/DEBFloodplain



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