

Central Darling Shire

Flood Risk Management Study & Plan

To Residents and Business Owners in Central Darling Shire

Central Darling Shire Council has engaged consultants to undertake the Central Darling Shire Flood Risk Management Study and Plan which will focus on the townships of Wilcannia, Menindee, Ivanhoe, Tilpa and Sunset Strip (refer over).

The Central Darling Shire Flood Risk Management Study and Plan aims to build community resilience towards flooding through informing better planning of development, improving emergency management procedures and increasing community awareness of the existing flood risk.

The outcomes of the Central Darling Shire Flood Risk Management Study and Plan will assist Council in refining strategic plans for mitigating and managing the effects of existing flood risk (associated with existing development on flood prone land), future flood risk (associated with any new development on flood prone land) and continuing flood risk (the risk remaining in both existing and future development areas after floodplain risk management measures are implemented).

The Central Darling Shire Flood

Risk Management Study and Plan will build on the results of the recently completed Darling River Flood Mapping Study, which defined the nature of flooding on the Darling River where it runs through the local government area.

The hydraulic model that was developed as part of the Darling River Flood Mapping Study will be updated as part of the present study to include details of the December 2022 flood, after which time it will be used to define the nature of flooding on the Darling River floodplain for a wide range of design flood events.

The Central Darling Shire Flood Risk Management Study and Plan is being undertaken by Council with funding assistance from the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. Council has established a Flood Risk Management Committee which is comprised of relevant council members, state government agencies and community representatives.

Have Your Say on Flood Risk Management

An important step in the preparation of the Central Darling



Shire Flood Risk Management Study and Plan is the gathering of information on historic flood behaviour and an appraisal of what flood related issues are important to the community. The attached questionnaire has been provided to residents and businesses to assist the Consultant in gathering this important information. All information provided will remain confidential and for use in this study only.

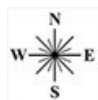
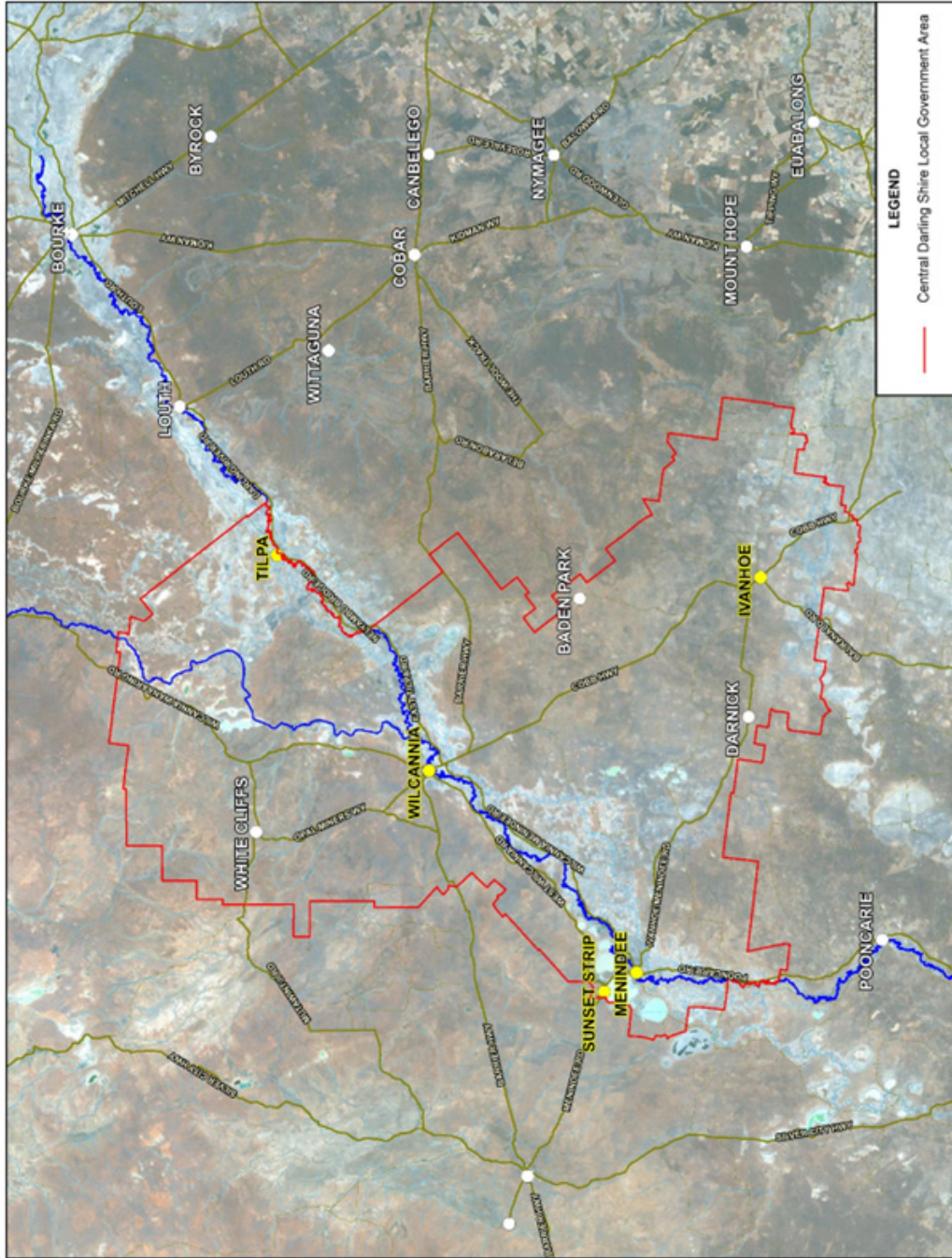
Please return the completed questionnaire to the designated return point by **Friday 29 November 2024**.

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Study Area



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Community Questionnaire

This questionnaire is part of the Central Darling Shire Flood Risk Management Study and Plan, which is currently being prepared by Central Darling Shire Council with the financial support

of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. Your responses to the questionnaire will help us collect information on historic flood behaviour and to

determine the flood issues that are important to you.

Please return your completed questionnaire to the Central Darling Shire Council by Friday 29 November 2024.

- a) Name (Optional):
- b) Address:

About your property

1. Please tick as appropriate:

- I am a resident
- I am a business owner
- Other (please specify

2. How long have you been at this address?

- Less than a year
- 1 year to 5 years
- 5 years to 20 years
- More than 20 years (..... years)

3. Please select which best describes your property type?

- House
- Horticulture
- Hobby Farm
- Rural Living
- Large Pastoral Farm
- Community building
- Shop/Retail
- Vacant Land
- Other:

4. Have you ever been affected by flooding?

- Yes (please continue to Question 6)
- No (please skip to Question 10)

Your Experiences of Flooding

5. If you answered "Yes" to Question 5, on what dates were you affected by flooding?

- August 1956 February 1974 March 1976 March 2012
- December 2022 Other:

6. For the floods you have listed, do you have any records of the height the floodwaters reached? For example, a flood mark on a building, shed, fence, light pole? (please provide brief description)

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7. If flooding affected your property in the past, what damages occurred as a result?

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8. If you have any photographs of historic flooding you are welcome to drop into your nearest Council to have them photocopied or email them directly to the Consultant at centraldarling@lyallandassociates.com.au

Your attitudes to Council's development controls

9. Please rank the following development types according to which you think are the most important to protect from floods (1=highest priority to 6=least priority)

- Commercial
- Residential
- Essential community facilities
- Critical Utilities
- Minor developments and additions
- New residential subdivisions

10. What level of control do you consider Council should place on new development to minimise flood-related risks? (In addition to being favoured by the Community, these options would also need to comply with legislation).

Tick only one box, below.

- Prohibit all new development on land with any potential to flood.
- Prohibit all new development only in those locations that would be extremely hazardous to persons or property due to the depth and/or velocity of floodwaters, or evacuation difficulties.
- Place restrictions on developments which reduce the potential for flood damage (e.g. minimum floor level controls or the use of flood compatible building materials).
- Advise of the flood risks, but allow the individual a choice as to whether they develop or not, provided steps are taken to minimise potential flood risks.
- Provide no advice regarding the potential flood risks or measures that could minimise those risks
- Don't know.

11. What notifications do you consider Council should give about the potential flood affectation of individual properties? (Tick only one box)

- Advise every resident and property owner on a regular basis of the known potential flood threat.
- Advise only those who enquire to Council about the known potential flood threat
- Advise prospective purchasers of property of the known potential flood threat.
- Provide no notifications
- Other (provide details)

Your opinions on floodplain risk management measures

12. Below is a list of possible options that may be looked at to try to minimise the effects of flooding in the study area. This list is not in any order of importance and there may be other options that you think should be considered. For each of the options listed, indicate “yes” or “no” to indicate if you favour the option. Leave blank if undecided.

Option	Yes	No	Don't Know
Management of vegetation along river and creek corridors to provide flood mitigation, stability, aesthetic and habitat benefits.			
Widening of watercourses.			
Construction of permanent levees/diversion banks to contain floodwaters.			
Improve stormwater drainage system.			
Upgrade culverts beneath roads/railways.			
Removal of floodplain obstructions.			
Voluntary purchase of the most severely affected flood-labile properties.			
Provide funding or subsidies to raise houses above major flood level in low hazard areas.			
Flood proofing of individual properties by waterproofing walls, putting shutters across doors, etc.			
Specify controls on future development in flood-labile areas (e.g. controls on extent of filling, minimum floor levels, etc.)			
Provide a Planning Certificate to purchasers in flood prone areas, stating that the property is flood affected.			
Ensuring all information about the potential risks of flooding is available to all residents and business owners Improve flood warning and evacuation procedures both before and during a flood.			
Community education, participation and flood awareness programs.			
Ensuring all residents and business owners have Flood Action Plans - these outline WHAT people should do, WHERE they should go and WHO they should contact in a flood.			

Other Information

13. What do you think is the best way for us to get input and feedback from the local community about the results and proposals from this study? (Tick one or more boxes)

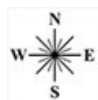
- Council's website (online form)
- Articles in local newspaper
- News on local radio station (please specify station)
- Council Social Media (Facebook/ LinkedIn)
- Open days or drop-in days
- Community workshops
- Public Meetings
- Through Council's Flood Risk Management Committee
- Other (please specify)

Who can I contact for further information?

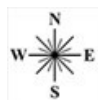
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