Item 6: Notices of Motion or Rescission

6.1 Investigation of Flood Maintenance Money for Glen Willow

NOTICE OF MOTION LISTED BY CR PERCY THOMPSON
TO 20 MAY 2020 ORDINARY MEETING
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MOTION

That Council investigate flood maintenance money to look to protect Glen Willow sports fields.

Background

Council has spent millions of dollars on the Glen Willow sports fields which is a prestige sports complex. It is known as a flood area and we need to protect it.

Officer’s comments

All stages of the Glen Willow Regional Sporting Complex, including the current construction areas of Stage 2, represent a significant investment by Council, State and Federal Governments. It is noted, however, the sportsfields are often constructed in floodplain areas and these considerations form part of the project planning and future maintenance of fields.

As part of the Stage 2 process, a Review of Environmental Factors was undertaken that included a site-specific flood study. The buildings that are being established as part of Stage 2 are designed to be above the 1 in 100 year flood level (plus freeboard). A spectator mound is also being constructed around the main Rugby Union field, in a similar way to the No1 field and main Grandstand at Glen Willow.

It is also noted that Council is in the process of developing an updated Flood Study for the Mudgee area. As part of the current Mudgee Flood Study a model is available to assess the impact of installing further site protection or additional buildings.

Staff would recommend that any consideration of additional site protection or additional buildings at Glen Willow would take place after the finalisation of the Mudgee Flood Study and after the finalisation of Glen Willow Stage 2. After this point, an updated site specific flood study could be undertaken to inform Council of the options for future site protection from flooding or additional building construction in the area.