

Have your say

Flood planning for the Jewells Wetland catchment

Engagement Summary

The planning

Lake Macquarie City Council is committed to building more resilient communities across the City. Over the past few years, we have been working with residents in the Jewells Wetland catchment to develop a Floodplain Study and Plan to help us manage existing and future flood risks and mitigate damage from floods in the area.

We asked

In 2013 we invited residents to share local knowledge and their experiences of flooding. These photos and information provided the team with a much greater understanding of flood behaviour in the area and was then used to develop the risk management study and management plan.

Between 26 May and 25 July 2016 we encouraged the community to view the draft report and provide feedback on the draft study and the proposed flood risk management options by visiting our Have Your Say website, completing a feedback submission or in person at a drop in session.

How they participated

339 total visits to the Have Your Say page

132 informed participants

96 downloaded a document

12 submissions received

Around 30 attended the community workshop



You said

A snapshot of feedback received on the draft study and plan:

Need to control the volume and velocity of water entering the creek system from existing and future developments

Amend the plan to include measures to clear blockages in Scrubby Creek to allow normal flow, improve the creek in particular areas, and do works on the riparian area of Scrubby Creek

Support for the planning controls and flood warning signs

Support for the Lower Cockle Creek maintenance proposals

Recommendation to avoid channelisation of the wetland system

A greater percentage of developer contributions should be allocated to storm water management.



Next steps

Your feedback is being considered when finalising the draft study and plan. Once finalised, Council will then adopt a plan of management for implementation. Thank you for your feedback! Register to keep updated on www.haveyoursaylakemac.com.au