

*Have your say*

# Flood planning for Winding Creek and Lower Cockle Creek

## Engagement Summary

### The planning

Lake Macquarie City Council is committed to building more resilient communities across the City. Over the past year we have been working with the local community on a Floodplain Study and Plan for the Winding Creek and Lower Cockle Creek catchment. The study builds on previous assessments, and identifies a number of management measures to reduce future flood risks in the catchment.

### 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 used to then 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

524 total visits to the Have Your Say page

203 informed participants

330 documents downloaded

10 submissions received

Around 20 people attended one of three community drop in sessions



### You said

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

*Restriction of development on flood prone land: clarification needed on the threshold velocity and types of buildings deemed unacceptable*

*Rezoning of flood prone land: suggestion decisions should be made on a case by case basis*

*Filling on flood prone land: extend the definition to allow for filling to be used to mitigate flood hazards as long as there is no significant adverse impact on flood behaviour*

*Support for online flood information tools made available to the community*

*Wilkinson Park: replace the concrete channel with a more a natural and attractive material, such as rocks.*



### 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](http://www.haveyoursaylakemac.com.au)