

# Forbes Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan FAQ

## What is a Flood Risk Management Study (FRMS)?

A Flood Risk Management Study (FRMS) assesses measures that are aimed at mitigating and managing the existing, continuing and future flood risk in a particular area. The FRMS will assess a series of measures that may be:

- physical (such as levees, bridges, culverts, road raising etc.);
- preventative (such as planning controls requiring houses to be built above the flood height); and
- responsive (such as improving emergency response procedures).

## What is a Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP)?

Measures that are deemed to provide the best flood mitigation and management benefits are incorporated into a Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP). The FRMP is a program of works, some of which will be eligible for funding from the NSW Government, which once implemented will improve the resilience of the affected community.

The NSW Government requires local councils to prepare FRMPs so as to ensure proper management of flood prone land in their local government areas.

## What is the scope of the Forbes Flood Risk Management Study & Plan (Forbes FRMS&P)?

While the Forbes FRMS&P applies to the urbanised parts of Forbes that are impacted by riverine type flooding, Council understands that the majority of our rural residents access many community services that are located in town and therefore are affected by the flooding, albeit indirectly.

It is important to note that while the Forbes FRMS&P is aimed at assessing measures that will reduce the impact of riverine type flooding on the urbanised parts of Forbes, it may include recommendations to changes in development controls that impact the whole of the Shire, which everyone should be able to comment on.

## Why am I getting this survey?

Council wants to understand how flooding impacts the local community so that it can ensure that the Forbes FRMP can make suitable recommendations to minimise such impacts on our residents and businesses. This requires local, lived knowledge of flooding and input from the community.

## Who is receiving this survey?

Council is consulting everyone in the Forbes Shire, as everyone is affected either directly or indirectly in some way when parts of the town are flooded. Therefore, Council is seeking input from everyone in the Shire as to how they believe flooding in the township of Forbes should be best managed.

## My land is not flood affected, so why am I being consulted?

We know everyone in the Forbes Shire is affected either directly or indirectly in some way when parts of Forbes are flooded. While your property may not be directly impacted by riverine type flooding, you may experience difficulty accessing the services that you need like health, education and work when parts of the town are flooded. Council wants to understand how flooding in the township of Forbes impacts everyone's lives to ensure this is reflected in the Forbes FRMP.

## **I have some good stories/photos/images of historical floods; do you want to hear them too?**

Yes, all information would be helpful. Please forward them to [flooding@forbes.nsw.gov.au](mailto:flooding@forbes.nsw.gov.au).

## **What methods of survey completion are there?**

You may complete the survey via the included hard copy included in this letter or via Councils website. If you need accessibility assistance in filling out this survey, please contact Forbes Shire Councils offices where a Council officer will be able to assist you.

## **Doesn't Council know this information already?**

Council is always in the process of updating data and making sure we have the best and most recent knowledge to inform our risk management processes.

## **Have Your Say on Floodplain Management**

An important step in the preparation of the *Forbes Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan* is to gather information on recent flood events and to appraise 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 Council's offices or email a scanned copy to [flooding@forbes.nsw.gov.au](mailto:flooding@forbes.nsw.gov.au) by **Friday 30 September 2022**.

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