

# Flood Planning Level for the St Georges Basin Floodplain

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### 1. Purpose

To set standards for the determination of Flood Planning Levels for development on the St Georges Basin Floodplain.

### 2. Statement

#### Background Information:

- The *St Georges Basin Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan – Climate Change Assessment (WMAwater, 2013)*, determined 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) flood levels and Flood Planning Levels for the St Georges Basin floodplain.
- The Flood Planning Area as determined in the *St Georges Basin Flood Study (Cardno, 2022)* covers some locations not modelled in the *St Georges Basin Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan – Climate Change Assessment (WMAwater, 2013)*.
- Following the completion and adoption of the St Georges Basin Flood Study and Review of the St Georges Basin Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan, this policy may be superseded and should then be updated or repealed. Flood Planning Levels for the St Georges Basin floodplain would then be determined from the outcomes of the Review of the St Georges Basin Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan.

### 3. Provisions

Council has adopted the following recommendations in relation to the St Georges Basin Floodplain:

a) All future development only be approved at the Flood Planning Levels derived from the *St Georges Basin Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan – Climate Change Assessment (WMAwater, 2013)*, thereby assisting Council in satisfying its obligations under the NSW Floodplain Development Manual 2005.

b) All future development for locations outside the Flood Planning Area determined from the *St Georges Basin Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan – Climate Change Assessment (WMAwater, 2013)*, but included in the Flood Planning Area as determined from the *St Georges Basin Flood Study (Cardno, 2022)*, shall be approved at the Flood Planning Level derived from the *St Georges Basin Flood Study (Cardno, 2022)*.

### 4. Implementation

This policy is to be implemented by the City Development Flood Planning Levels (= minimum floor levels) for individual areas that are set by Council during the Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan processes.

Enquiries in relation to determining minimum floor levels for development on individual properties within the affected area should be referred to the Floodplain Management unit of Council's City Development directorate. An on-line flood certificate request can be made from Council's website.

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## 5. Review

This Policy will be reviewed by the Shoalhaven City Council's City Development (Floodplain Management unit) within one year of the election of every new Council or following the adoption of a new Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for the St Georges Basin floodplain. All information contained in the policy will be verified against the most current flood information available from Flood Studies, Floodplain Risk Management Studies, and Plans.