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Flood Assessment

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8 November 2016

Attention: Mr. S Richardson

Dear Steve,

Re: DCP2014 Chapter G9:Flood Compliance Report for Proposed Modification Application to MP06-0228, Shoalhaven Starches Expansion Project, Bolong Road, Ethanol Distillery Plant

This letter has been prepared by R W Dewar BSc, MEngSci, MIEAust CPEng Member No 477618 who has over 30 years of experience in NSW in floodplain management.

1 Introduction

Shoalhaven Starches intend to undertake modifications to the existing Ethanol Distillery plant at their Bomaderry plant to:

- increase the proportion of 'beverage" grade ethanol that is able to be produced on the site, and
- to modify the type and location of the Water Balance Syrup Recovery Evaporator that has been previously approved under MOD 2 adjacent to the Ethanol Plant.

The proposal involves works at the existing plant as well as at the former Dairy Farmers plant. Appendix A provides plans of the proposal referred to above as well as a site plan. Details of the works are summarised below:

- relocation and provision of additional car parking on land adjacent to the BOC gas facility
 on the north side of Bolong Road. It is assumed that no importation of fill and minimal
 earthworks (except regrading) will be undertaken as part of these works and thus they
 will result in no loss of temporary floodplain storage or impediment to the conveyance of
 flood flows;
- construction of a substation, cooling towers and evaporators (relocated from approved location) to the immediate east of the existing plant;
- formation of an ISO tank container storage area to the immediate east of the above substation, cooling towers and evaporators;
- construction of twin 400,000 litre tanks with the existing tank removed at the ethanol recovery area;
- construction of a 1,000,000 litre tank at the ethanol storage area;
- construction of a pipe gantry and security gate;
- construction of a beverage grade ethanol plant;
- extend the railway siding yard;

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Plan views of the proposed works are provided in Appendix A and below.

The sites under consideration are inundated in the 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) flood event by floodwaters from the Shoalhaven River and this letter provides an assessment of the implications of this proposal on flood levels, flows and velocities.

WMAwater (formerly known as Webb McKeown & Associates) undertook the Council / State Government funded 1990 *Shoalhaven River Flood Study* and subsequent 2008 *Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan*. WMAwater has also undertaken many similar type flood assessments for Shoalhaven Starches in the past and is therefore very familiar with flooding in the Shoalhaven River floodplain and the implications for flooding of further development within the confines of the Shoalhaven Starches and ex Dairy Farmers and ex Paper Mill plants on Bolong Road.

2 Description of Proposal and Council's Flood Certificate

The proposal is to construct plant and undertake works as described in Appendix A on the following lands:

- 160 Bolong Road site (existing Shoalhaven Starches plant) has land at approximately 4.0 mAHD and the 1% AEP flood level is approximately 5.6 mAHD according to the Flood Certificate obtained on 16th August 2016 (attached as Appendix B).
- 220 Bolong Road site (Dairy Farmers site)) has land at approximately 4.0 mAHD and the 1% AEP flood level is approximately 5.3 mAHD according to the Flood Certificate obtained on 16th August 2016 (attached as Appendix B).

Council's flood certificates (Appendix B) advise that the 160 Bolong Road and 220 Bolong Road sites are inundated in the 1% AEP event and described as High Hazard and Floodway. The projected 2050 sea level rise estimates due to climate change will not increase the 1% AEP flood level at the sites are too far upstream from the ocean. However with the projected 2100 sea level rise estimates the 1% AEP flood level will rise by 0.1m.



3 Compliance with Chapter G9: Development on Flood Prone Land (DCP2014)

The following sections describe compliance with Chapter G9: Development on Flood Prone Land (DCP2014 Amended 1st July 2015). As the works will not involve fill, excavation or subdivision of lands compliance with these performance criteria have not been addressed.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	RESPONSE		
P1 Development or work on flood prone land will meet the following:			
The development will not increase the risk to	The works are such that their construction will not		
life or safety of persons during a flood event on	increase the number of workers on the site and		
the development site and adjoining land.	there will be no other additional threat to the safety		
	of any worker during a flood. Evacuation routes		
	and protocols will be addressed in an updated		
	Shoalhaven Starches Flood Plan.		
The development or work will not unduly	Refer Hydraulic Impact Assessment below.		
restrict the flow behaviour of floodwaters.			
The development or work will not unduly	The works at 160 and 220 Bolong Road are within		
increase the level or flow of floodwaters or	existing built up industrial land clear of vegetation.		
stormwater runoff on land in the vicinity. The	There will be some increase in impermeable area		
development or work will not exacerbate the	with these works but all runoff under existing and		
adverse consequences of floodwaters flowing on	future conditions will reach the ground in nearly		
the land with regard to erosion, siltation and	identical locations, thus these works will have no		
destruction of vegetation.	impact on erosion or siltation.		
The structural characteristics of any building or	A separate structural report will be provided.		
work that are the subject of the application are			
capable of withstanding flooding in accordance			
with the requirements of the Council.			
The development will not become unsafe during	A separate structural report will be provided.		
floods or result in moving debris that potentially			
threatens the safety of people or the integrity of			
structures.			
Potential damage due to inundation of proposed	The works associated with the production of		
buildings and structures is minimised.	ethanol are largely sealed structures and/or above		
	the PMF flood level which means there will be		
	minimal damage due to inundation, even in a PMF,		
	unless the structure itself fails. There will		
	potentially be some damage to electrical and other		
	components feeding the equipment and these are considered in Shoalhaven Starches Flood Plan.		
The development will not all the terms			
The development will not obstruct escape	The works will not occupy escape routes or cause		

3.1 Performance Criteria - General (Section 5.1 of DCP only)



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routes for both people and stock in the event of	workers to become trapped.
a flood.	
The development will not unduly increase	The works are such that their construction will not
dependency on emergency services.	increase the number of workers on the site and
	there will be no additional threat to the safety of
	any worker during a flood and no increase in
	dependency on emergency services. Evacuation will
	be addressed in the updated Shoalhaven Starches
	Flood Plan.
Interaction of flooding from all possible sources	Refer Hydraulic Impact Assessment below.
has been taken into account in assessing the	
proposed development against risks to life and	
property resulting from any adverse hydraulic	
impacts.	
The development will not adversely affect the	The works will be constructed on land designated as
integrity of floodplains and floodways, including	high hazard floodway in the 1% AEP event. The site
riparian vegetation, fluvial geomorphologic	is industrial land with nil existing vegetation (apart
environmental processes and water quality.	from grasses) and is beyond the influence of normal
	fluvial geomorphic processes. The works will have
	no impact on water quality.

3.2 Hydraulic Impact Assessment

3.2.1 Background

The proposed works at 160 and 220 Bolong Road are surrounded by an extensive array of existing plant and buildings. Thus the flow path of floodwaters from the Shoalhaven River over the river bank and northwards towards Bolong Road, through the lands to be occupied by the proposed works, is already significantly impeded.

The construction of any works on the floodplain will cause a loss of temporary floodplain storage and a loss of hydraulic conveyance. The resulting increase in flood levels will depend upon the magnitude of these losses. Given that not all the proposed works are on the ground (i.e above the 1% AEP flood level or even the PMF) and the floodplain storage area of the Shoalhaven River floodplain is of the order of 100km², the loss of temporary floodplain storage due to the proposed works is minimal.

The loss of hydraulic conveyance depends on the extent of the restriction to a flowpath caused by the works. Prior to construction of the Shoalhaven Starches, Dairy Farmers and Paper Mill plants at Bomaderry there would have been significant flow towards Bolong Road during a flood, as there is across any river bank. However, since approximately 1960 the ongoing construction of the three plants has restricted the flow paths.

Whilst the individual impacts (construction of a single silo) may be small the cumulative increases from several developments may be significant. Therefore, the proposed works as



part of this assessment need to be assessed in the context of the incremental impact as well as the total cumulative impacts of all development within the immediate area. It is not possible to itemise all of the developments on the floodplain and their effects since white settlement. For the purposes of reporting the nominal starting date for the assessment of cumulative effects is 1990. This date was agreed previously (refer Webb McKeown & Associates October 2000 report titled *Further Development within the Manildra Starches Plant off Bolong Road, Bomaderry - Hydraulic Assessment*) and approximately corresponds to the floodplain development status at the time when the current Council design flood level information was established (1990 Lower Shoalhaven River Flood Study).

3.2.2 Hydraulic Modelling

Hydraulic or flood modelling typically involves the setting up and calibration of two computer models. A hydrologic model that converts the rainfall to runoff and a hydraulic model that includes inflow from the hydrologic model, as well as ocean boundaries, which determines peak flood levels and velocities based on hydraulic formulae. Both models are calibrated to historical data, including historical flood levels and river flow gaugings, to ensure that they can replicate the historical events and are then used to determine design flood events. These are events that have a known probability of occurrence, such as the 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) event.

The CELLS model of the Shoalhaven River (established as part of the 1990 *Lower Shoalhaven River Flood Study*) represented the channel and floodplain as a series of interconnected cells, termed either river or floodplain cells. The river cells were connected by cross sections and the floodplain cells connected by weirs. Approximately 100 cells were used in the Shoalhaven River model with some cells over 4km² in area. The CELLS model is termed a one dimensional (1D) branched model in that it cannot account for flow in other than the one direction but has "branches" which allow flow to extend across the floodplain. The model used both field survey for weirs as well as bathymetric survey for the river cross sections at approximately 1 to 2 kilometre spacing.

The CELLS model is an unsteady flow model in that it modelled the full flood event (rising and falling water levels) and not just the peak and included ocean tidal hydrographs at both entrances, namely the Shoalhaven Heads and Crookhaven River, and some six flow hydrographs from the WBNM hydrologic model.

Since 1990 there have been significant advancements in the field of hydraulic modelling, though in hydrologic modelling there has been significantly less advancements and the WBNM model used previously is still used today.

The main advancements in hydraulic modelling are through the use of more complex computer software (TUFLOW) that allows the river and floodplain to be discretised into a grid. This is typically 15m by 15m on large rivers and up to 2m by 2m on small urban catchments. These models are termed 2 Dimensional (2D) in that they determine the flow direction between grid cells producing vector velocities. These models are thus able to more accurately define the topography and in turn can more accurately represent the hydraulic effects of even a small development on a large floodplain.



3.2.3 Hydraulic Modelling Process

The hydraulic effects (change in flood levels, flows or velocities) of the proposed works at the Shoalhaven Starches and Dairy Farmers plants at Bomaderry were analysed using the TUFLOW hydraulic model established for the Shoalhaven Starches 2013 *Shoalhaven River Flood Study.* This model was calibrated to match the historical flood level data for the 1974, 1975, 1978 and 1988 floods and used to provide updated design flood levels for the Shoalhaven River downstream of Nowra.

The modelling process was to compare the peak flood levels in each grid cell for the *Existing* and *Proposed* scenarios. The *Existing* scenario represents the floodplain as at October 2016 and includes the recent applications by Shoalhaven Starches for modifications to their plant. The *Proposed* scenario reflects the floodplain as at October 2016 but including the construction of the proposed works as described in Appendix A. The comparison between the *Existing* and *Proposed* scenarios is termed a flood impact map.

More frequent events, smaller than the 1% AEP, have not been modelled as the northern river bank of the Shoalhaven River is not overtopped to any significant extent until an event larger than the 5% AEP. Thus in these small more frequent events there would be nil impact on peak flood levels. Larger events than the 1% AEP will occur but these events are obviously extremely rare and are not used for flood related planning determinations by Councils except when their failure has potential catastrophic consequences (such as dam failure).

3.2.4 Hydraulic Modelling Results

The flood impact map for the 1% AEP event is provided as Figure 1. The different colours reflect the change in peak water levels as a result of the proposed works. In summary the blue/red tones reflect a decrease in flood level whilst the green/brown tones reflect an increase in peak level.

The proposed works do slightly decrease the amount of floodwaters from entering the northern floodplain across the river bank. Thus immediately upstream of the proposed works there is a slight increase in peak level. Though this increase in level is within the confines of land owned by Shoalhaven Starches. The potential impact of the proposed works is much reduced as they are sheltered behind existing buildings and structures that already inhibit the flow path.

Downstream of the proposed works on the northern side of Bolong Road near the Bomaderry sewage treatment plant there is a reduction in peak level of up to 30mm. This occurs because the proposed works reduce slightly the amount of flood waters crossing Bolong Road and thus flood levels are slightly lowered.

In conclusion the proposed works do not increase the 1% AEP flood level on lands outside those owned by Shoalhaven Starches. Consequently it was not considered necessary to consider the cumulative effects of the proposed works as there is no significant incremental increase (greater than 0.015m) as a result of these works.



Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding the above do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours Sincerely, **WMAwater**

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R W Dewar Director



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Appendix B





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COUNCIL REFERENCE: 28112E (244348)CONTACT PERSON:Kate BrittonDATE:16 August 2016

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Notes			
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FLOOD CERTIFICATE

According to the Lower Shoalhaven River Floodplain Risk Management Plan – Climate Change Assessment (2011) this property, 160 Bolong Rd, BOMADERRY - Lot 1 DP 838753, is affected by the 1% AEP flood event.

FLOOD INFORMATION

Year	Existing	Projected 2050	Projected 2100
Flood Planning Level	Not applicable	6.1m AHD	6.1m AHD
Hazard Category	High	High	High
Hydraulic Category	Floodway	Floodway	Floodway
Probable Maximum Flood Level	7.8m AHD	7.8m AHD	7.8m AHD
1% AEP Flood Level	5.6m AHD	5.6m AHD	5.6m AHD
2% AEP Flood Level	5.1m AHD	5.1m AHD	5.1m AHD
5% AEP Flood Level	4.6m AHD	4.6m AHD	4.6m AHD
10% AEP Flood Level	4.5m AHD	4.5m AHD	4.5m AHD
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Velocity (1% AEP flood event)	3.0m/s*	3.0m/s*	3.0m/s*

*Minimal velocity information is available for this property therefore the provided velocity is approximate only.

SITE SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

 Current NSW Government legislation requires climate change to be considered as part of this Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan. Climate change related information evolves with time and it is expected that existing flood behaviour and levels may change in the future.

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 Not all of the property is categorised high hazard floodway. Part of the property is categorised high hazard flood storage. For more specific information regarding the different hazard and hydraulic categorisations on this property please contact Council's Natural Resource and Floodplain Unit on (02) 44293392.

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Development conditions will vary depending on flood hazard, hydraulic category as well as the type of development that is proposed. Please refer to the following documents for information on Council's flood related development controls and the NSW State Government's Floodprone Land Policy.

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In responding to your application the Council seeks to bring to your attention the fact that pursuant to s.733 of the Local Government Act a council does not incur liability in respect of the giving of any advice furnished in good faith by the Council relating to the likelihood of any land being flooded or the nature or extent of any such flooding.

The Council does not have a legal obligation to provide advice to you and to the extent that this reply is giving advice, the Council provides that advice in good faith with the intention of preserving, so far as is legally possible, the Council's immunity from liability pursuant to s.733 of the Local Government Act.

While all reasonable care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of the information given in this reply, its purpose is to provide a general indication of flood risk in the area. Flood lines shown on Council maps indicate the approximate extent of flooding only in relation to the abovementioned land.

The information provided may contain errors or omissions and the accuracy may not suit the purposes of all users. A site survey and further investigation are strongly recommended before commencement of any project based on this data.

The information given is the most current information at the time of the request. It is to be noted, however, that flood information is constantly reviewed and updated and as such, the information contained in this regard is current only on the day of issue.

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GLOSSARY

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AHD (Australian Height Datum) is a common national surface level datum corresponding approximately to mean sea level.

Flood fringe is the part of the floodplain remaining after the floodway and flood storage areas have be defined.

Flood planning area is any land identified as being flood affected in the 1% AEP flood event plus freeboard.

Flood planning level (FPL) is the 1% AEP flood level plus freeboard. The FPL is used for planning purposes, as determined in floodplain risk management studies and incorporated in floodplain risk management plans.

Flood prone land means any land susceptible to flooding up to the probable maximum flood event (that is, land within the floodplain) as identified in an adopted Council flood study or floodplain risk management study and plan.

Flood storage areas are those parts of the floodplain that are important for the temporary storage of floodwaters during the passage of a flood.

Flood study is a technical investigation of flood behaviour. It defines the nature of flood risk by establishing the extent, level and velocity of floodwaters. The study also provides information on the distribution of flood flows across various sections of the flood plain for the full range of flood events up to and including the PMF.

Floodplain risk management plan is a plan developed in accordance with the principles and guidelines contained in the NSW Government Floodplain Management Manual. Usually includes both written and diagrammatic information describing how particular areas of flood prone land are to be used and managed to achieve defined objectives.

Floodplain risk management study is a study that identifies and compares various risk management options. This includes an assessment of their social, economic, ecological and cultural impacts, together with opportunities to maintain and enhance river and floodplain environments.

Floodway means those parts of the floodplain where a significant discharge of water occurs during floods. They are often aligned with natural defined channels. Floodway's are areas that, even if only partially blocked, would cause a significant redistribution of flood flow, or a significant increase in flood levels.

Freeboard is currently 0.5m for all catchments in the Shoalhaven. Freeboard is a factor of safety used to set the FPL (i.e. FPL = 1% AEP flood level plus freeboard (0.5m)). Freeboard takes into account uncertainties in flood modelling and climate change predictions, local factors that cannot be included in the flood model or wave action caused by wind, boats or vehicles driving through flood waters.

Hazard category represents the risk or danger to personal safety, evacuation movements and buildings and structures within the Flood Planning Area during the 1% AEP flood. There are only two possible hazard categories – high or low.

Hydraulic category describes the function of a specific part of the Flood Planning Area in conveying flood waters during a 1% AEP flood. There are three possible hydraulic categories – floodway, flood storage or flood fringe.

Probable maximum flood (PMF) is the largest flood that could conceivably occur at a particular location, usually estimated from probable maximum precipitation. Generally, it is not physically or economically possible to provide complete protection against this event. The PMF defines the extent of flood prone land, that is, the floodplain.

Provisional is used for hazard categories that have been determined in a flood study. Hazard categories are provisional until the floodplain risk management study and plan has been completed and adopted by Council, as this document considers additions risks, not considered during the flood study.





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Flood planning level (FPL) is the 1% AEP flood level plus freeboard. The FPL is used for planning purposes, as determined in floodplain risk management studies and incorporated in floodplain risk management plans.

Flood prone land means any land susceptible to flooding up to the probable maximum flood event (that is, land within the floodplain) as identified in an adopted Council flood study or floodplain risk management study and plan.

Flood storage areas are those parts of the floodplain that are important for the temporary storage of floodwaters during the passage of a flood.

Flood study is a technical investigation of flood behaviour. It defines the nature of flood risk by establishing the extent, level and velocity of floodwaters. The study also provides information on the distribution of flood flows across various sections of the flood plain for the full range of flood events up to and including the PMF.

Floodplain risk management plan is a plan developed in accordance with the principles and guidelines contained in the NSW Government Floodplain Management Manual. Usually includes both written and diagrammatic information describing how particular areas of flood prone land are to be used and managed to achieve defined objectives.

Floodplain risk management study is a study that identifies and compares various risk management options. This includes an assessment of their social, economic, ecological and cultural impacts, together with opportunities to maintain and enhance river and floodplain environments.

Floodway means those parts of the floodplain where a significant discharge of water occurs during floods. They are often aligned with natural defined channels. Floodway's are areas that, even if only partially blocked, would cause a significant redistribution of flood flow, or a significant increase in flood levels.

Freeboard is currently 0.5m for all catchments in the Shoalhaven. Freeboard is a factor of safety used to set the FPL (i.e. FPL = 1% AEP flood level plus freeboard (0.5m)). Freeboard takes into account uncertainties in flood modelling and climate change predictions, local factors that cannot be included in the flood model or wave action caused by wind, boats or vehicles driving through flood waters.

Hazard category represents the risk or danger to personal safety, evacuation movements and buildings and structures within the Flood Planning Area during the 1% AEP flood. There are only two possible hazard categories – high or low.

Hydraulic category describes the function of a specific part of the Flood Planning Area in conveying flood waters during a 1% AEP flood. There are three possible hydraulic categories – floodway, flood storage or flood fringe.

Probable maximum flood (PMF) is the largest flood that could conceivably occur at a particular location, usually estimated from probable maximum precipitation. Generally, it is not physically or economically possible to provide complete protection against this event. The PMF defines the extent of flood prone land, that is, the floodplain.

Provisional is used for hazard categories that have been determined in a flood study. Hazard categories are provisional until the floodplain risk management study and plan has been completed and adopted by Council, as this document considers additions risks, not considered during the flood study.