

STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IN BINGARA AND **WARIALDA**



OVERVIEW

Gwydir Shire Council is committed to ensuring the region has a sustainable and resilient water system that can respond to the needs of the community in a responsible, effective and considerate way. To protect the properties and waters of our region, Council is in the process of considering how to manage and improve stormwater infrastructure in Bingara and Warialda.

There is currently a stormwater levy for properties in Bingara and Warialda that is allocated to stormwater improvements in these areas.

WHAT IS STORMWATER **INFRASTRUCTURE?**

Stormwater infrastructure refers to the management systems put in place to collect roof-water and overland flow water from properties as well as roads, reserves and parks, and carry it away from the properties. Stormwater infrastructure includes physical structures and treatment techniques to manage the quantity and quality of stormwater that flows off the land.

The aim of effective stormwater infrastructure is to reduce physical damage to property from flooding, erosion to the land and pollution.

WHY IS STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPORTANT?

As a result of Gwydir's climate and typography, flooding and nuisance issues from stormwater are common problems for many of Gwydir's residents. Gwydir's current stormwater infrastructure system does not always mitigate these issues in some specific locations.

Without appropriate infrastructure Council's response to stormwater issues remains limited.

Stormwater infrastructure can provide multiple benefits including:

- Improved drainage and reduced damage to land from flooding
- Greater reliability, efficiency and resilience of Gwydir's water system
- Reduced pollution and environmental damages from stormwater overflow
- Improved drainage system performance/operation and discharged water quality





www.gwydir.nsw.gov.au/stormwater





HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?

Citizen's Panel

Council is also in the process of recruiting community members to be part of a Citizen's Panel that will help decide stormwater infrastructure improvements in Bingara and Warialda.

Panelists will meet to learn more about this issue, have questions answered and ultimately make a recommendation to be considered by Council.

There will be 3 sessions over a one-month period allowing enough time to deliberate on the information and hear all perspectives.

To register your interest in the panel please visit the project website at www.gwydir.nsw.gov.au/stormwater or email stormwater@gwydir.nsw.gov.au

HAVE YOUR SAY

To help Council plan and prioritise future infrastructure improvements we want to hear from

Please share your feedback and experiences with stormwater issues by visiting the project website at www.gwydir.nsw.gov.au/stormwater. You can also email your comments, images or video to stormwater@gwydir.nsw.gov.au

We encourage you to upload any photos or videos of stormwater events that you may have.



