

Inundation Scenarios in Floodplain Risk Management

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I am a Risk Manager

- I'm not a Scientist
 - I don't wait to know exactly how things work
- I use Engineering Principles
 - I will use empirical relationships that work, whether or not a scientist can explain how they work



What I try to achieve Help a community avoid

- Death
- Injury
- Penury (bankruptcy)







How do I do it?

Help Councils & Communities to understand

- What gets how wet how often for how long
- What the consequences (of inaction) are
- What (if anything) can be done
- What the consequences (of action) are
- What Floodplain Risk Management Plan to implement



Risk Management Approach

Risk is a product of both

- Chance (or probability) and

- Consequence (or damage)



Risk analysis for structural damage to residential development in floodplains based on a traditional single storey, brick veneer, slab on ground house

	Likelihood of above floor flooding	Chance of experiencing in a life time	Structural damage consequences				
Floor level range			Insignificant < \$1,000	Minor d < 0.1m \$1,000 - \$5,000	Moderate d > 0.1 & < 0.5m \$5,000 - \$25,000	Major d > 0.5 &< 1.0m \$25,000 - \$50,000	Catastrophic loss of house \$150,000 plus
1:10,000 AEP to PMF	Improbable	0.7% - 0.07%	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk
1:1,000 to 1:10,000 AEP	Rare	7% - 0.7%	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Medium Risk
Flood of record to 1:1,000 AEP	Unlikely	30% - 7%	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk
1:100 AEP to flood of record	Possible	50% - 30%	Low Risk	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk	Extreme Risk
1:50 to 1:100 AEP	Likely	75% - 50%	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk	Extreme Risk	Extreme Risk
Below 1:50 AEP	Almost Certain	100% - 75%	Medium Risk	High Risk	Extreme Risk	Extreme Risk	Extreme Risk



The Flood Prone Land Policy Statement

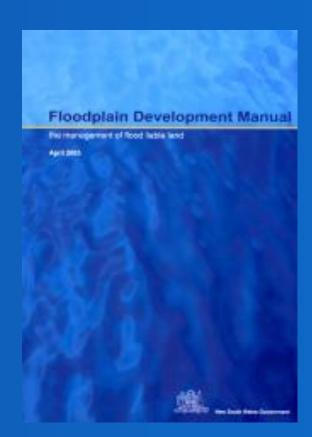
The primary objective of the policy is to reduce the impact of flooding and flood liability on individual owners and occupiers of flood prone property, and to reduce private and public losses from floods utilising ecologically positive methods, where possible.



Risk Management Process

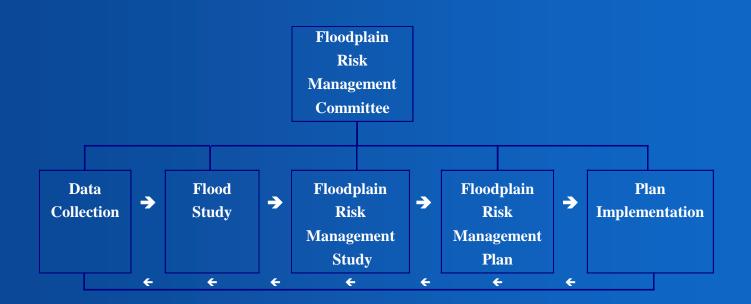
NSW Government Flood Prone Land Policy

Floodplain Development Manual





Floodplain Risk Management Process





Data Collection & Flood Study

- Documents
 - Existing conditions across the catchment
 - Timing, depth, velocity, extent & duration of flooding across the floodplain & AEP range
 - High or Low Hazard areas across the floodplain & AEP range
 - Floodway, Storage & Fringe areas across the floodplain & AEP range

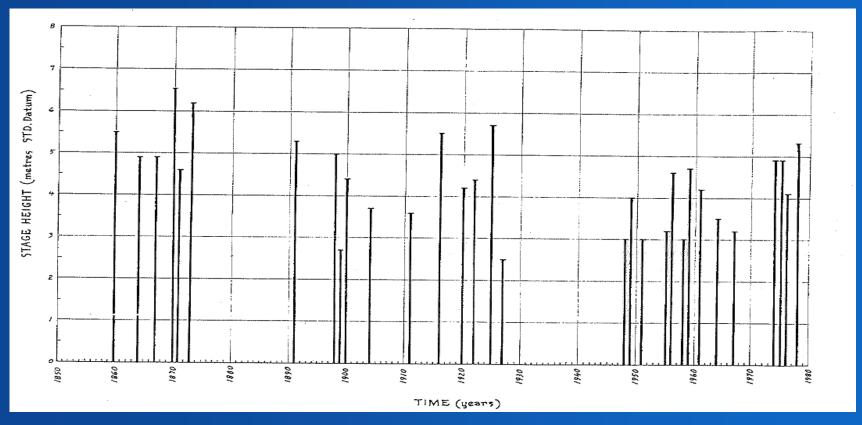


Inundation Scenarios

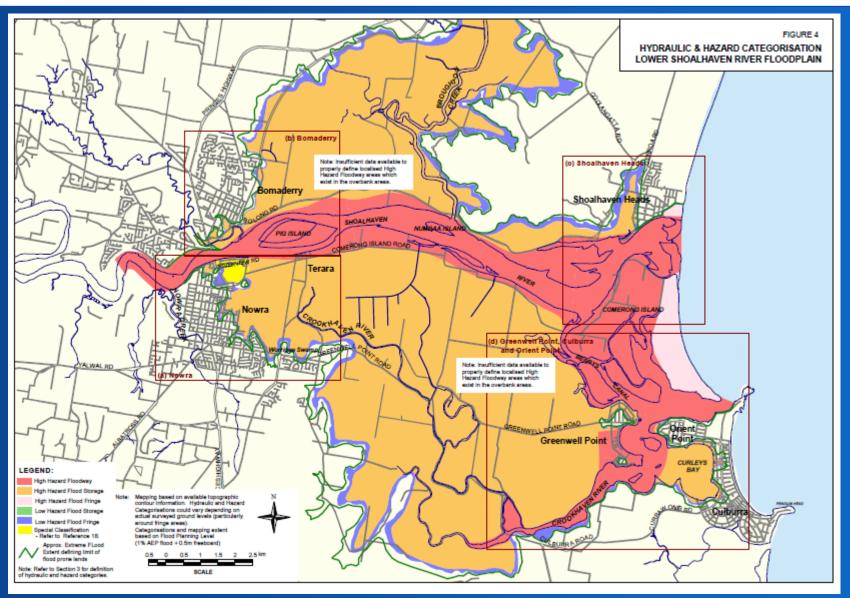
- Catchment and/or Local runoff
 - 1%AEP rainfall = 1%AEP Flood level
- Ocean storm surge
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- Entrance state particularly for ICOLLs
 - How often, long & deep will areas flood behind an open, shoaled or closed entrance
- Tidal
 - How often, long & deep will tides like HHWSS flood areas now & into the future

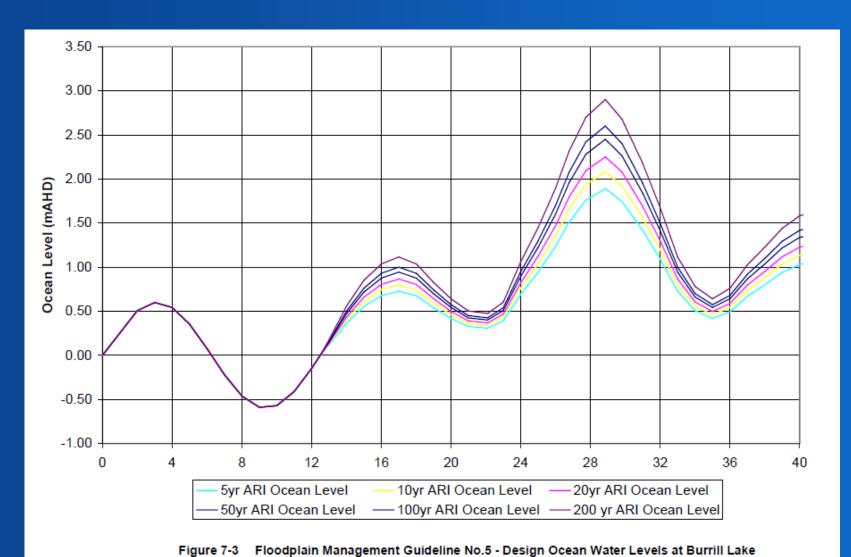


Flood History at Nowra

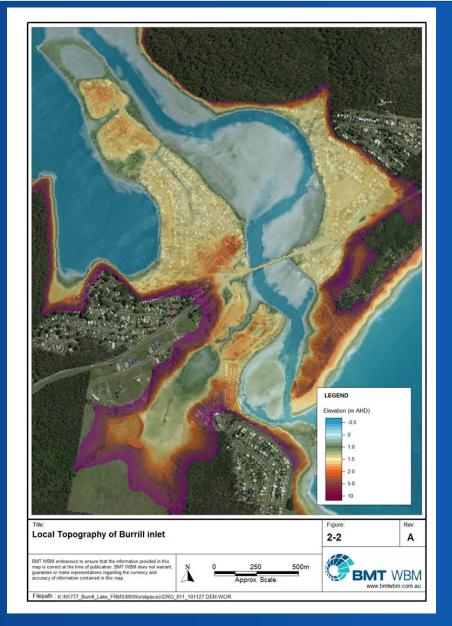


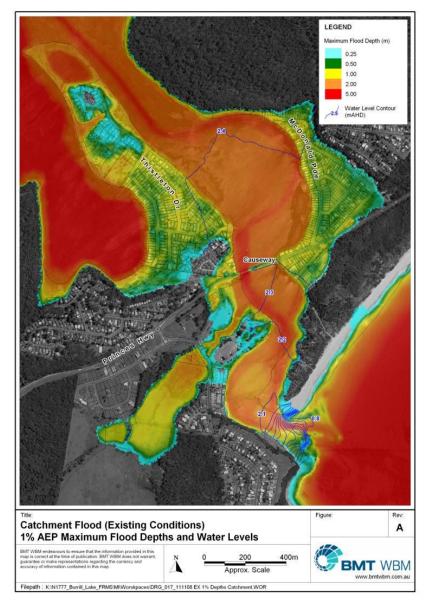
Nowra Bridge Deck Level = 6.5 to 7mAHD 1%AEP Peak Flood Level = 6.3m AHD Riverview Road Levee Crest Level = 6.4mAHD













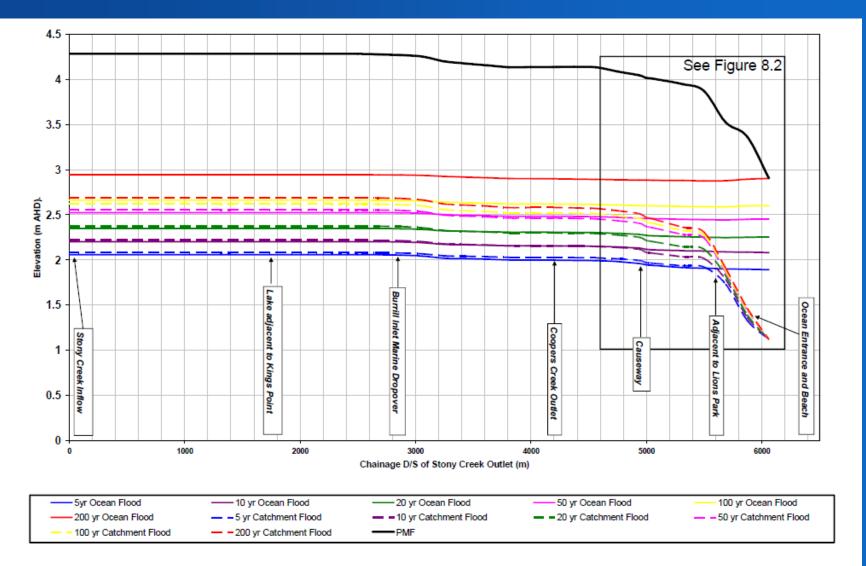


Figure 8-1 Burrill Lake Longitudinal Profile of Design Flood Water Levels

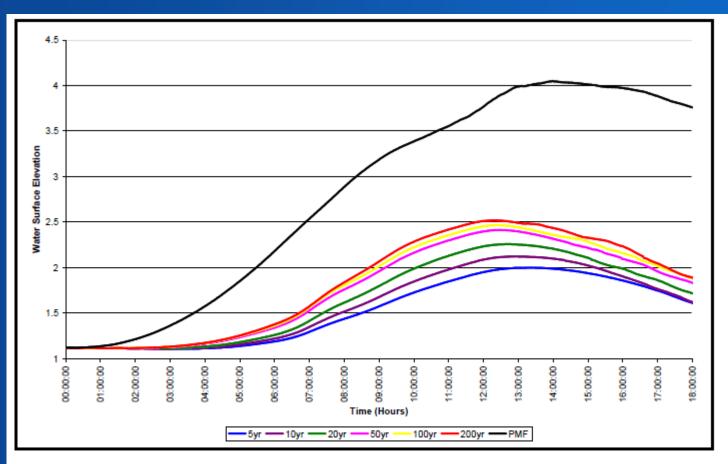


Figure 8-4 Predicted Catchment Design Flood Water Level Hydrographs at the Causeway

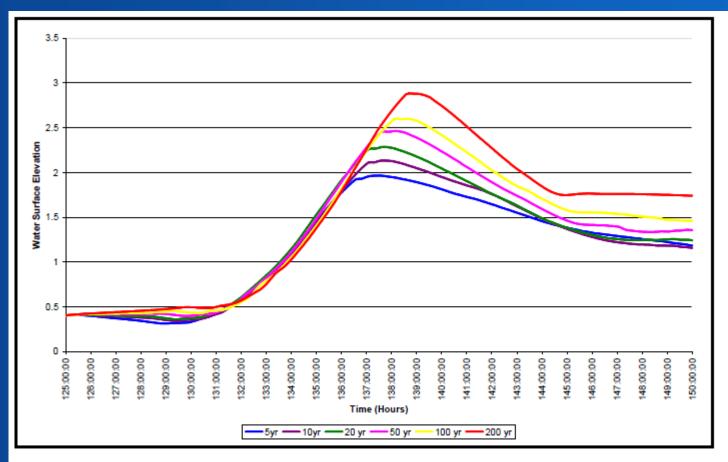
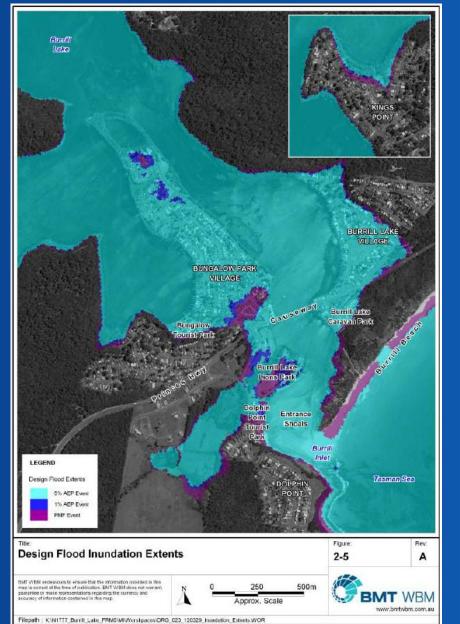
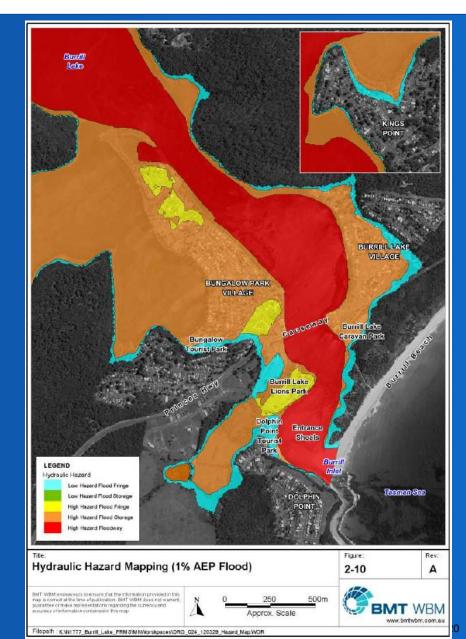


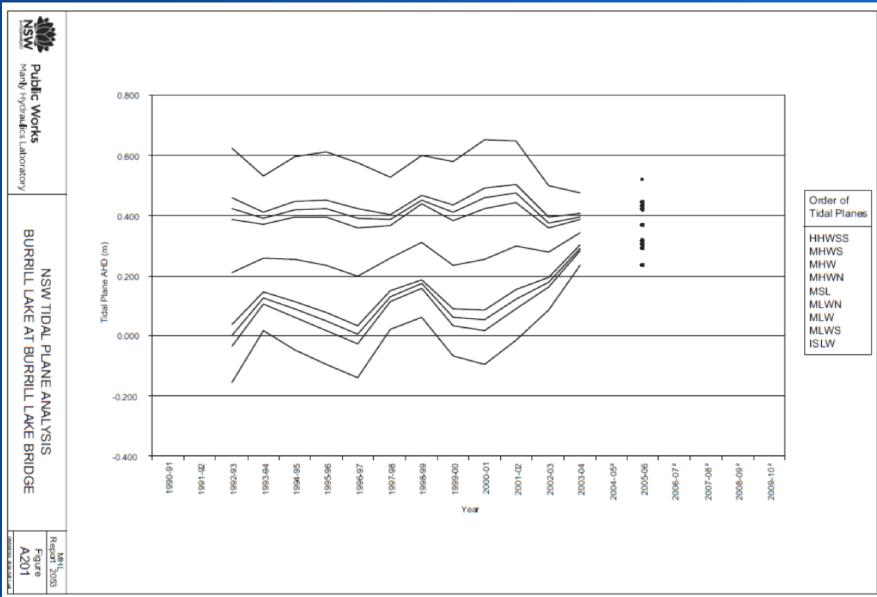
Figure 8-6 Predicted Oceanic Design Flood Water Level Hydrographs at the Causeway







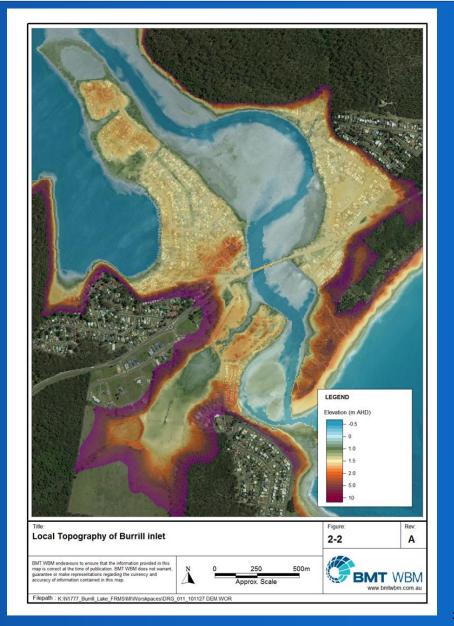




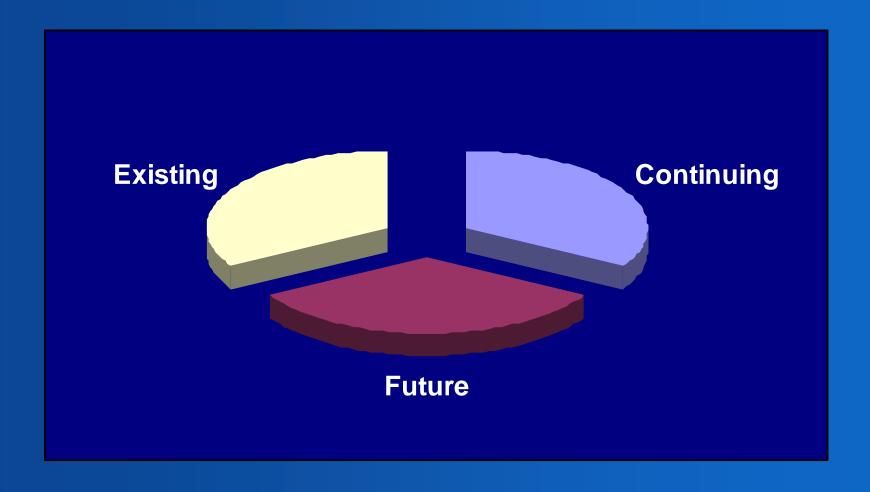


Tidal inundation over time

Now: (1992 to 2006 Average	2000-01)
MSL = 0.269m AHD	0.255m AHD
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Any Questions?

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