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Executive Summary

enstruct have been engaged by Schools Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) to provide civil engineering consultancy services and design development of Melrose Park High School (hereafter MPHS).

The aim of the Flood Impact Assessment report is to assess the impact of a 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) storm and larger events up to and including the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF).

This report will raise awareness of the risk of flooding and must be read in conjunction with the Civil Engineering report as well as the Flood Emergency Management Plan (FEMP), which includes evacuation routes analysis, designated safe assembly areas and evacuation management plans.

This report supports the submitted development application documentation.



REF Checklist

Flooding	Υ	N	N/A	Comments
Flood Hazard	\boxtimes			The REF includes a Flood Impact Assessment Report.
Does the REF include either:				
information that demonstrates that the site and key access routes are free of flood risk; or				
a Flood Risk and Impact Assessment (FIRA)?				
If a FIRA has been prepared, does it:	\boxtimes			Refer to Section 2.
• state that it has been prepared in accordance with the updated Floodplain Management Manual and Toolkit, including Planning Circular PD24-001?				
detail consultation undertaken with the local council and any relevant agencies (i.e. State Emergency Service) to identify existing, draft and proposed flood studies relevant to the site?				City of Parramatta Council's Development Control Plan and existing Parramatta River Flood Study has been consulted for this site's flood analysis. Additionally, the report is to be submitted to NSW SES for any comments.
 describe the flood potential of the site and key access routes having regard to available flood studies and information, the conditions of the site, and the types of flood: mainstream flooding? 				Refer to Section 5 for analysis on flood potential of the site.
o overland flows?	\boxtimes			Refer to Section 5 for analysis on flood potential of the site.
o flash flooding?	\boxtimes			Refer to Section 5 for analysis on flood potential of the site.
describe the key flood mechanisms?	\boxtimes			Refer to Section 5 for analysis on flood potential of the site.
 include flood modelling showing flood extent, levels, depths, velocities and hazard classifications for all relevant events, including: 				Refer to Section 5 for Flood modelling results.
o 1% AEP / 1 in 100yr?	\boxtimes			Refer to Section 5.2.
o 5% AEP / 1 in 20yr?			\boxtimes	Refer to Section 5.1.
o 10% AEP / 1 in 10yr?			\boxtimes	Refer to Section 5.1.
o 0.2% AEP / 1 in 500yr?				Refer to Section 5.1.
o 0.02% AEP / 1 in 5000yr?				Refer to Section 5.1.
o PMF?				Refer to Section 5.5.
 consider the timeframe for flood waters to inundate the site and timeframe for water to hit peak levels? 	\boxtimes			Inundation timeframes are considered in the flood models in Section
• Consider the timename for flood waters to indidate the site and timename for water to filt peak levels?				5.
consider the impacts of climate change on future flood frequency and levels?	\boxtimes			Refer to Section 5.4 for information on the impacts of climate change on flood modelling.
Risk / impact of flood on the activity				Through an analysis of available LGA catchments and masterplan
If a FIRA has been prepared, does it:				catchments, alongside the Parramatta River Flood Study (2024), the
determine whether the proposal is in a high-risk catchment?				site is not in a high-risk catchment.
 the location of the proposal in relation to flood behaviour and constraints including floodway, flood storage area or flood fringe area? 				The location of the site has been selected with consideration of the catchment-wide flood study undertaken as part of the Parramatta River Flood Study (2024). Additionally, masterplan catchments have been analysed.
the hazard vulnerability classification of the land?	\boxtimes			Refer to Section 5 for hazard classification of all modelled flood events.
frequency of inundation?	\boxtimes			Refer to Section 5 for frequency of inundation of all modelled flood events.
 whether the proposal provides for safe occupation and efficient and effective evacuation in flood events and how it is to be achieved? 				Refer to Flood Emergency Management Plan for safe occupation and effective evacuation strategies.
• in high-risk catchments, whether the proposal is likely to result in a significant increase to the risk to life in other parts of the catchment in a PMF flood event?				The site does not fall within a high-risk catchment as per the Parramatta River Flood Study (2024).
 any known evacuation constraints such as the flood emergency response classification for the area and available warning times (including rate of rise and when the evacuation route is cut off by floodwater)? 				Refer to Flood Emergency Management Plan.
• whether the proposal is for a sensitive or hazardous land use, or other higher risk uses and what mitigation strategies (if any) are proposed to reduce any identified risks?				The proposal is for a sensitivie land use as outlined in Section 2. Refer to Section 7 for mitigation strategies.
Impact of the activity on flood outside of the site	\boxtimes			Refer to Section 5.
If a FIRA has been prepared, does it address the matters to consider set out in PS-24-001, including has it determined:				
potential impacts of cut and fill and other building works on flood behaviour? whether there may be adverse flooding impacts on currentling properties?				Refer to Section 5.
whether there may be adverse flooding impacts on surrounding properties?	×			
ability of proposed development to withstand flood impacts?	\boxtimes			Refer to Section 5.



Flooding	Y	N	N/A	Comments
Building and structure design If a FIRA has been prepared, does it: • nominate a flood planning level (minimum floor level plus freeboard) for proposed buildings?	\boxtimes			Refer to Section 4 for Flood Planning Requirements where a flood planning level is nominated for proposed buildings.
recommend any other mitigations such as flood resistant materials or structural requirements?				The site is not flood affected, thus not requiring of flood resistant materials.
Conclusion Does the FIRA:				Refer to Sections 1.3 and 8.
conclude that the proposal would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects?				
list any mitigation measures identified in the assessment?	\boxtimes			Refer to Section 7.
Does the REF list any mitigation measures identified in the assessment and incorporate them into the design where applicable (i.e. flood resistant structures and materials)?	\boxtimes			Refer to Section 7.

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II. Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in this document:

AHD	Australian Height Datum		
AEP	Annual Exceedance Probability		
ARI	Average Recurrence Interval		
COPC City Of Parramatta Council			
CDP	Development Control Plan		
DoE	Department of Education		
FERP	Flood Emergency Response Plan		
FEMP	Flood Emergency Management Plan		
FIAR	Flood Impact Assessment Report		
FFL	Finished Floor Level		
LGA	Local Government Area		
OSD	On Site Detention		
PMF	Probable Maximum Flood		
SINSW	School Infrastructure NSW		

1 Introduction

This Flood Impact Assessment Report (FIAR) has been prepared by Enstruct on behalf of the Department of Education (DoE) to assess the potential environmental impacts that could arise from the construction and use of the new Melrose Park High School project (the Activity) at 37 Hope Street, Melrose Park. This report supports the assessment of the proposed Activity under Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The Activity is proposed by the DoE to meet the growth in educational demand in the Melrose Park precinct.

This report has been prepared to assess the impact of a 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) storm and larger events up to and including the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF).

This report will raise awareness of the risk of flooding and must be read in conjunction with the Civil Engineering report as well as the Flood Emergency Management Plan (FEMP), which includes evacuation routes analysis, designated safe assembly areas and evacuate on management plans.

1.1 Summary of the Activity

The proposed activity involves the construction and use of a new high school in two stages for approximately 1,000 students.

Stage 1 of the proposed activity includes the following:

- Site preparation works.
- Construction of Block A a six-storey (with additional roof/plant level) school building in the south-western portion of the site containing staff rooms and General Learning Spaces (GLS).
- Construction of Block B a one storey (double height) hall, gymnasium, canteen and covered outdoor learning area (COLA) building in the south-eastern portion of the site.
- Construction of Block C a single storey plant and storage building at the north-eastern portion of the site.
- Associated landscaping.
- Construction of on-site car parking.
- Provision and augmentation of services infrastructure.
- Associated public domain infrastructure works to support the school, including (but not limited to):
- Provision of kiss and drop facilities along Wharf Road, and widening of the Wharf Road footpath.
- Raised pedestrian crossings on Wharf Road and Hope Street.

Stage 2 of the proposed activity includes the following:

- Construction of Block D a five-storey (with additional roof/plant level) school building in the north-western portion of the site containing staff rooms and GLS:
- Additional open play spaces within the terrace areas of Building D.
- Minor layout amendments to Block A.

The Review of Environmental Factors prepared by Ethos Urban provides a full description of the proposed works.

1.2 Site Description

The site is located at 37 Hope Street, Melrose Park within the Parramatta LGA. The school covers an approximate area of 9,500m2 and is generally rectangular in shape. The site is currently cleared and vacant. The site is located approximately 8km east of the Parramatta CBD.

The subject site falls within the Local Government Area of the City of Parramatta Council (COPC). The site is bounded by a combination of low-height residential developments and future high rise residential developments.

On the western side, along Hope Street, high-rise developments are planned for the future. To the east, the site borders Wharf Road Reserve, with existing low-rise residential buildings located on the eastern side of Wharf Road. To the south, across Hope Street, there are existing industrial buildings, while to the north, the site adjoins a future communal sports field.

The site's topography generally slopes down to the north of the site at a relative constant slope of 0.5-1%. The maximum level is approximately RL 16.55 (m AHD) in the north-east corner and the minimum level is approximately RL15.25 (m AHD) in the north-west corner.

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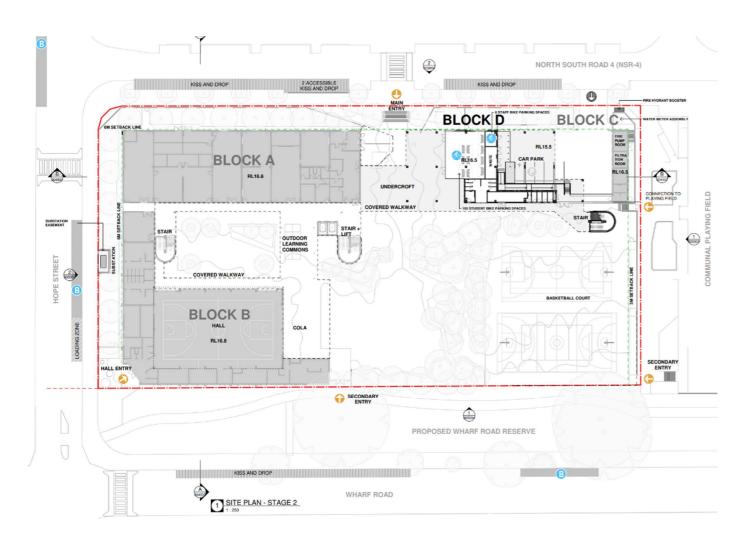


Figure 1: Site Plan (Source: NBRS)

1.3 Significance of Environmental Impacts

Based on the identification of potential issues, and an assessment of the nature and extent of the impacts of the proposed development, it is determined that:

- The extent and nature of potential impacts are low and will not have significant impact on the locality, community and/or the environment.
- Potential impacts can be appropriately mitigated or managed to ensure that there is no significant impact on the environment.

2 Standards List

This Flood Impact Assessment Report has been prepared in accordance with the following documentation:

• City of Parramatta Floodplain Risk Management Policy (2014)

- City of Parramatta Development Control Plan (DCP) (2023)
- Parramatta Local Environment Plan (LEP) 2023
- NSW Flood Risk Manual It is noted that at the time of this flood impact assessment report, the latest City of Parramatta Floodplain Risk Management Policy (2014) applies the flood management principles of the NSW Government's Floodplain Development Manual (FDM) 2005 at a local level. A more recent version of the City of Parramatta Council Floodplain Risk Management Plan is noted to be currently under review (not available for public access), to be in accordance with the latest NSW Flood Risk Manual.
- Parramatta River Flood Study (2024).

3 Existing Flood Behaviour

The current flood behaviour on the school site and surrounding area is based on a Stormwater Quantity and Quality Assessment for the masterplan of the Melrose Park North Precinct, undertaken by "Lyall & Associates Consulting Water Engineers" (Ref: FG486.006 – Dated 26 July 2024). Alongside this, COPC flood hazard maps reflect key flood behaviour of the wider Melrose Park area, modelling conditions prior to the Melrose Park North Precinct Development. Key flood behaviour noted from these hazard maps include:

- Temporary ponding of stormwater at the southern end of the playing field is observed to the north of the high school site boundary, to a maximum depth of 0.6m, reaching a peak flood level of RL 14.46 (m AHD) during the 1% AEP storm event. Stormwater overland flow from the site travels in a northwesterly direction, towards the southern end of the playing field, where ponding occurs in a low-point valley.
- Overland flow from the Western Parklands Stormwater Detention Basin and Biofiltration Area travels down the playing field to the south during storms greater than 5% AEP in intensity. This overland flow is observed to travel in an easterly direction towards Ryde Parramatta Golf Club.
- The western boundary of the school site is subject to flooding in the PMF event, reaching a maximum inundation depth of 0.6m at the lowest point in the northwestern corner. This flood water is understood to accumulate at this location, from inundation at higher points upstream along the proposed Road NSR-4. Lower levels of inundation, reaching a depth of 0.3m is observed along the western boundary of the site, prior to reaching the northwestern boundary.

The aforementioned flood inundation along the site's western and northern boundaries, before travelling towards the existing Ryde Parramatta Golf Course, is supported by COPC's flood hazard map for the PMF event.

4 Flood Planning Requirements

The COPC Development Control Plan (DCP) requires any new development to provide suitable freeboard to habitable floor levels. The flood planning level under normal circumstances shall be the higher of the 1% AEP riverine flood level or the 1% AEP overland flow flood level, plus a minimum of 500mm freeboard safety factor as per the COPC DCP and COPC Floodplain Risk Management Policy (2014).

Based on Council's DCP Section 5.1, Table 5.1.1.1, the development is classed in the sensitive uses and facilities land use category. As per Council's DCP, it is understood that sensitive uses and facilities are typically not permitted on land subject to flooding in a PMF event. The proposed school is situated on land which is not flood affected in the PMF event. Hoewever, occupants might still need to find routes through PMF affected areas leading to the nearest hospital in case of an emergency. A Flood Emergency Management Plan was prepared to provide guidance and a safe strategy during the PMF event.

The closest ponding point in the 1% AEP storm event is noted to be more than 27m away from the site boundary, thus it is understood that the site is not flood affected in this storm event.

The Flood Planning Levels have been designed at FFL16.80 for Blocks A and B, and FFL16.50 for Blocks C and D. These floor levels are more than 500mm above the 1% AEP overland flow flood level of RL14.76, thereby meeting COPC DCP and COPC Floodplain Risk Management Policy (2014) requirements.

5 Flood analysis

Enstruct has modelled the flood behaviour based on the MPHS masterplan TUFLOW model in addition to the School development inputs such as geometry and OSD tank. Based on this analysis, depth maps have been prepared to showcase the extents of flooding. Similarly, hazard maps have been prepared to analyse the potential escape routes. Figure 2 below provides a visual representation of the hazard classification based on depths and velocity factors.

All building works, including cut and fill, as part of this school development are not affected by flood extents and do not impact or modify the existing flood behaviours or overflow paths.

As the floodway remains within the road, permanent building structures will not face considerable water forces and, therefore, will withstand flood impacts.

The development does not adversely impact any neighbouring properties, on the contrary, it provides additional water storage and a safe route for the overflow water to travel to the downstream park, which will be used as flood storage for the masterplan precinct.

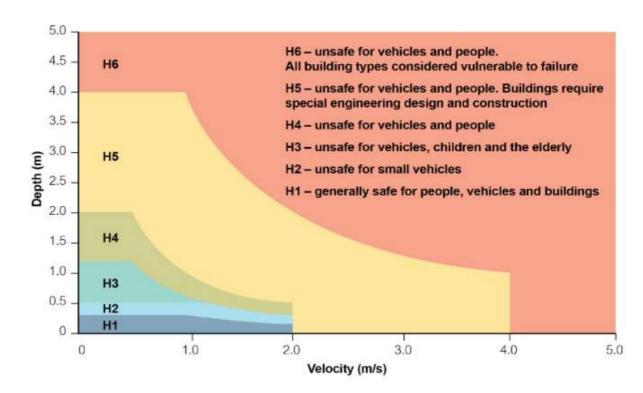


Figure 2: General flood hazard vulnerability curve

(Source: AIDR 2017)

5.1 Selection of Major Flood Events

This Flood Impact Assessment Report analyses flood modelling undertaken for the 100-year flood event (1% AEP) and PMF Flood event as per COPC DCP and COPC Floodplain Risk Management Policy (2014) requirements. Additionally, the 200-year storm event has been analysed as part of ESFG Design Framework requirements for site selection.

The 5% and 10% AEP flood events have not been modelled, as it is superseded by the 1% AEP Flood Model, where the site is noted to be unaffected by flood waters. Similarly, the 0.2% and 0.02% AEP flood events have not been modelled, as it is superseded by the PMF event.

All flood models include the flood extent, levels, depths, velocities and hazard classifications.

The relevant major flood events for the site will be detailed below in increasing order of importance.

5.2 100-year flood event (1%AEP)

Based on the flood study undertaken by 'Lyall & Associates' for Melrose Park North Precinct (Job No. FG486.006, dated 06/10/23), it is understood that the proposed neighbouring park site to the north is subject to flood in the 100-year (1%AEP) storm event, as seen in the Figure 3 below. This park will work as flood storage as part of the masterplan, with ponding depth to a maximum depth of 0.5-0.75m.



Figure 3: MPHS – Masterplan Scenario – 1:100-year Flood Depths

(Source: Lyall & Associates Updated Stormwater Quantity and Quality Assessment)

Enstruct has modelled the site with the proposed school in it for the 1%AEP storm, and the study shows that the high-school site is clear of flood inundation. The hazard maps indicate that there are safe H1 routes to exit the site to the north, given that the depth and/or velocity permits to do so. Refer to Appendix A for 1%AEP depth and hazard maps.



Figure 4: MPHS – 1:100-year Flood Depths Post Development

5.3 200-year flood event (0.5%AEP)

The 200-year storm event was analysed as part of ESFG Design Framework requirements for site selection. Enstruct has been provided with the flood model from the masterplan and the school site has been updated by incorporating the OSD tank, then re-run to obtain the 200-year scenario.

Enstruct prepared flood maps for both the depths and the hazards. The resulting flood analysis indicates that the depths are not affecting the site, and the hazard map shows that safe H1 routes out of the site are possible for this storm event. Refer to Appendix A for details.

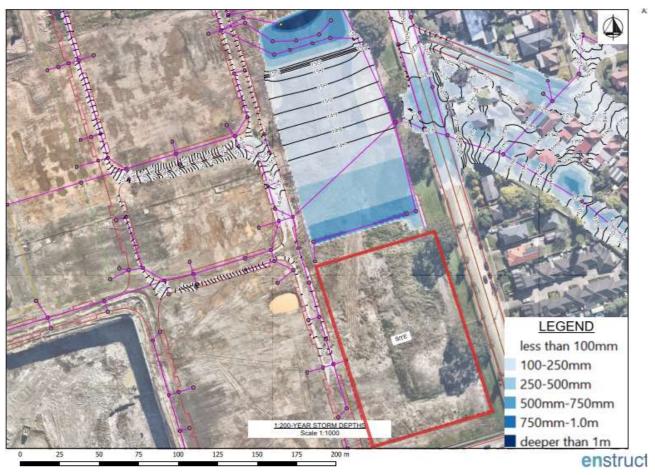


Figure 5: MPHS - Post development 1:200-year Flood Depths



Figure 6: MPHS - Post development 1:200-year Flood Hazards

5.4 Climate Change

Flood analysis prepared by Lyall and Associates includes climate change analysis. A climate change (CC) upscaling factor of 22.5% have been applied to 1% AEP design rainfall intensities. The results of the climate change analyses show that the site is resilient to climate change. The flood map shows some overland flow in the kerb and gutter outside of the proposed school under the 1% AEP plus climate change scenario, with a depth of less than 100mm. The site itself remains flood free, as reflected in Figure 7 below.



Figure 7: MPHS – 1:100-year with Climate Change factor Flood Depths Post Development

5.5 PMF

Based on the flood studies previously mentioned, it is noted that the proposed west road (NSR-4) adjacent to the site will be subject to flood risk at the north-western boundary in the PMF event, as seen in the Figure 8 below.

Lower levels of inundation, reaching a depth of 0.3m are observed in the public domain, along the western boundary of the site (NSR-4), prior to travelling towards the north-western boundary. In addition to this, Enstruct has run flood modelling with the proposed school development included, to check the PMF hazard maps for the site, which can be found in Appendix A.

As an early educational establishment, the development is classed as a "sensitive use" land zone, due to the age and potential risk of the occupants. It is noted that "Sensitive use and facilities' are in general, not permitted on land subject to flooding in a PMF event as per the COPC DCP. Although, land which the school site sits on is not flood affected in the event of the PMF event, occupants might still need to find routes leading to the nearest hospital in case of an emergency. Consequently, a flood emergency management plan has been prepared by Enstruct and is recommended to be implemented in perpetuity to provide guidance regarding a safe strategy and the provision of refuge with sufficient area to shelter all occupants at the PMF level. Refer to the Flood Emergency Management Plan for further information.

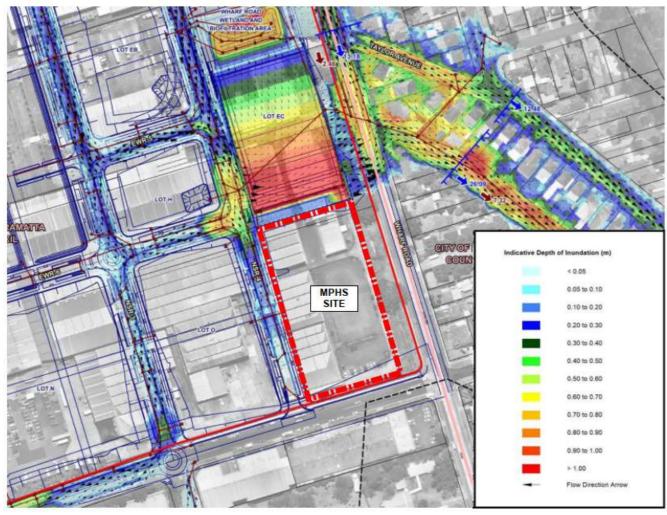


Figure 8: MPHS – Masterplan Scenario - PMF Flood Depths

(Source: Lyall & Associates Updated Stormwater Quantity and Quality Assessment)

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Figure 9: PMF Hazard Map

6 Overland Flow Paths

The site is not subject to major overland flows from the upstream neighbouring properties, therefore there are no major risks associated with in this regards.

In case of blockages and/or events within the site and/of major rainfall events, the site overland flow will be directed towards the northern park which works as a major detention body.

7 Mitigation measures

The following table provides a summary of the adopted mitigation measures.

Project Stage	Mitigation Measures	Relevant section of the report					
D – Design							
C – Constrction							
O - Operation							
D	Build above flood planning levels	Section 3					
D, C, O	Stormwater Quantity Control measures: OSD	Refer to Civil Engineering Report,					
	tank to reduce peak flows	Stormwater design Section					

Table 1: Mitigation measures related to Civil Engineering

8 Conclusion

Although the PMF does not inundate the site, water build up on the road and the accesses are routes are unsafe to travel. Refer to the flood Emergency Management Plan which includes designated safe assembly areas and evacuation management plans.

The 1:100-year and 1:200-year storm events do not flood the site, or the road in front of the site. This supports the selected site as per the ESFG guidelines. During these events is still safe to exit/enter the site with due caution.

Subject to implementing the recommendations/mitigation measures set out in Section 6 of this report, the conclusion of this assessment is that the proposed Activity is not likely to significantly affect the environment in relation to flooding matters.

Supporting Information and External References

Northrop's IFC Civil masterplan drawings for 'Sekisui House' 150077-60 CC COMBINED PACKAGE REVIEW.pdf

Lyall & Associates Masterplan Flood studies for 'Sekisui House' MPNP_PP_USQ&QA_001 [Final].pdf

ESFG

https://efsg.det.nsw.edu.au/design https://efsg.det.nsw.edu.au/spec https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/efsg/design-framework

NSW LGA boundaries map

https://portal.spatial.nsw.gov.au/portal/home/webmap/viewer.html

Parramatta LGA flood maps

https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/flooding/2024-parramatta-river-flood-study/full-report https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/sites/council/files/2024-06/prfs-file 4b.pdf https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/sites/council/files/2024-06/prfs-file 9.pdf https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/sites/council/files/2024-06/prfs-file 10.pdf https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/sites/council/files/2024-06/prfs-file 11.pdf

Ryde LGA flood maps

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APPENDIX A: RELEVANT FLOOD MAPS

ENSTRUCT'S:

SITE 1-100 YEAR POST DEVELOPMENT STORM DEPTHS
SITE 1-100 YEAR WITH CLIMATE CHANGE FACTOR POST DEVELOPMENT STORM
DEPTHS

SITE 1-200 YEAR POST DEVELOPMENT STORM DEPTHS
SITE 1-200 YEAR POST DEVELOPMENT STORM HAZARD MAP
SITE PMF POST DEVELOPMENT STORM HAZARD MAP

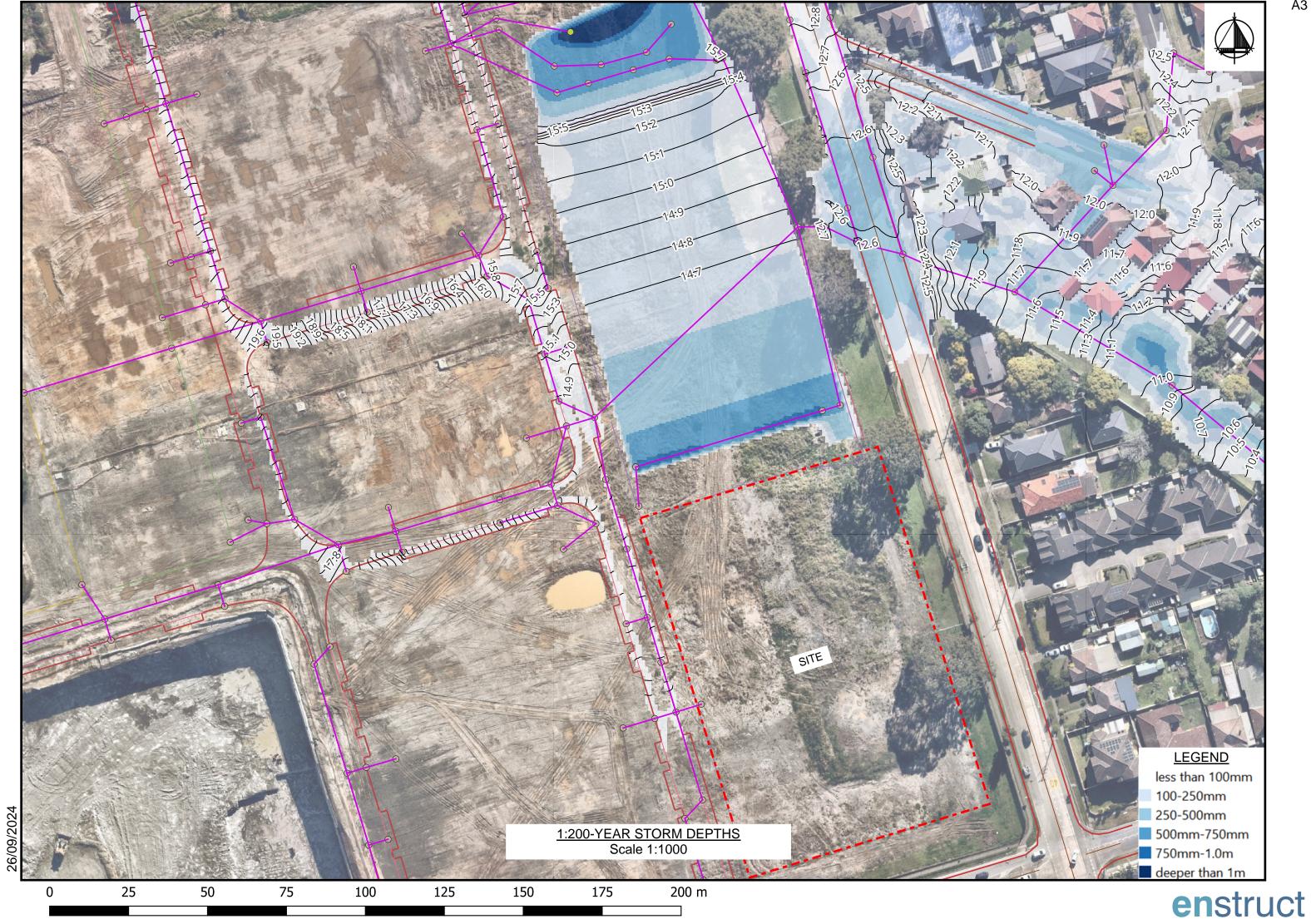
BY OTHERS:

MASTERPLAN POST DEVELOPMENT 1% FLOOD HAZARDS

MASTERPLAN POST DEVELOPMENT 1% FLOOD DEPTHS

MASTERPLAN POST DEVELOPMENT PMF FLOOD DEPTHS









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