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Subject: Maree Abood. Head of Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley Flood Risk Management Directorate - Follow-up

Good afternoon Bart,

Thanks for your email and your patience while we considered the points you raised to assist in responding. I can advise colleagues at Transport for NSW did respond to a letter from Redbank Communities in January this year relating to the points you raised, and I now provide the following for your information.

As part of the 2017 Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley Flood Risk Management Strategy, Transport for NSW identified more than 100 infrastructure improvements at key low points of the flood evacuation road network in the Valley to improve road resilience in flash flooding events for people forced to evacuate ahead of a forecast flood event. The Hawkesbury Nepean Valley (HNV) Flood Evacuation Road Resilience program (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/road-resilience-program>) aims to address local flooding on identified flood evacuation routes in the Valley. The North Richmond/Redbank communities were not identified in the HNV Flood Evacuation Road Resilience program given they are not at risk from these types of localised flash flooding events.

Parts of Springwood Road, as well as several bridges are inundated in minor flood events and therefore it is not possible to direct additional vehicles into this area. Emergency management practices support residents to stay in place only where there is no direct risk to life.

Regarding these low points on the adjacent road network, I understand TfNSW will consider improvements to Springwood Road, including flood resilience, as part of future network investigations however there is no current budget for delivery of these upgrades.

The Australian Government and NSW Government have committed \$500 million for traffic improvements including a new bridge over the Hawkesbury River between Richmond and North Richmond. The key objective of this project is to reduce congestion between Richmond and North Richmond and for future growth. It will also improve flood resilience, with the upgraded route proposed to deliver 1 in 20 chance per year flood resilience and improved safety on road corridors between and around Richmond and North Richmond.

Regards

Maree

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I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and pay respects to Elders past and present. I also acknowledge all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff working with NSW Government at this time.