



# HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

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### **Huon Valley Flood studies**

As a result of the major flooding of the Huon River in July 2016, Council resolved to apply for funding for further flood mitigation studies of waterways in the Valley.

Huon Valley Council Commissioner Adriana Taylor says the flooding and aftermath prompted a multi-agency review with the relevant agencies to analyse the flood response.

“Council identified river flooding as a significant risk within the municipal area and has been working with various external agencies for some time in order to mitigate the impact of flooding upon the community.

“We met with Tasmania Police, the local State Emergency Services (SES) and Council staff who all played a role during the 2016 flooding.

“The analysis was undertaken to identify any issues and the lessons we learned.

“An application for funding was successfully made to the National Disaster Resilience Program (NDPR) to consider any actions or improvements to assist in mitigation measures to increase the capacity of the communities.

“A large portion of the funding proposal included commissioning the Huon Valley Flood Studies conducted by Entura (Hydro Tasmania).

“The scope of the studies included Huon River Flood Model Calibration against the June 2016 flood event; assessment of the potential for flood levees to protect Huonville from Huon River flooding, and flood studies of Mountain River, the Kermantie River and Skinners Creek.

“The flood studies have been completed and are being presented to Council for noting at the 26 September ordinary Council meeting.

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“Any residents interested in the studies can view them on the Council’s website on the Reports and Publications page.

“We will continue to work with the Huon Valley Emergency Management Committee, relevant agencies and services to progress the recommendations identified in the Huon Valley Flood Studies,” Commissioner Taylor said.

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