

CAMPASPE SHIRE COUNCIL
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**CAMPASPE SHIRE COUNCIL SEEKS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT TO
FUND FLOOD STUDY MITIGATION MEASURES**

As part of its 'Advocating for a Brighter Tomorrow' federal election advocacy campaign, Campaspe Shire Council is calling on the next Australian Government to commit to funding future flood study mitigation measures, to protect Campaspe communities from future significant flood events.

For the past several years, Council has been partnering with other government and statutory authorities, agencies, water experts and community stakeholders to develop the Echuca Moama Torrumbarry Flood Study and the Rochester Flood Study.

Campaspe Shire Council Mayor Cr Daniel Mackrell says Council and the community are looking for a commitment to continued funding for flood mitigation, from whichever party wins in the May federal election.

"While we are grateful for federal grants to date, we need certainty from the incoming Australian Government that the flood mitigation recommendations of our two flood studies will be funded in the future," Cr Mackrell said.

"Our roads, buildings and environmental infrastructure have been either severely impacted or completely demolished by successive flood events over the past several decades.

"Our goal is to future-proof community assets so they can withstand future natural disasters as far as possible.

"In a financially-constrained environment, Council has limited capacity to future-proof community infrastructure," he said.

"That's why it's vital we have continued federal funding support for flood mitigation measures. Not only to protect our communities and safeguard access to essential services and assets during floods, but also to avoid the devastating toll on our communities from the social, economic and environmental upheaval caused by these disaster events."

For more information on Council's 'Advocating for a Brighter Tomorrow' campaign, including our advocacy booklet and video, and details about how you can become involved, visit Council's website at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/FederalAdvocacy

To coordinate an interview or seek further information contact:

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Background information

Echuca Moama Torrumbarry Flood Study (EMTFS)

The EMTFS was adopted by Council in March 2024. The second stage of the EMTFS, being the Risk Management Plan, will be released for community consultation in April. The Risk Management Plan recommends how flood risk is best managed, investigates mitigation works, development controls and flood warning systems, and provides flood information ('intelligence') for responding agencies. There has been significant community input into the development of the plan through the reference committee and this will continue throughout the community consultation phase.

Rochester Flood Study (RFS)

The RFS is progressing well with extensive survey work and meticulous documentation conducted. Calibration of the computerised flood model is being finalised and will be presented to the community for review in April. The RFS Report will then be presented for review. Investigation and assessment of mitigation options is expected to be completed by December 2025.