

FLOOD - IS YOUR PROPERTY AT RISK?

The City of Charles Sturt has released flood maps for the Torrens Road and Port Road catchment areas. You can view them at the council office, or on-line at:-
<http://gis.charlessturt.sa.gov.au/eview-html/index.html#>

The maps identify individual properties considered most at risk of flooding. **Properties in your area are at risk.** If you have received a letter from the council notifying of flood risk, you should consider making your insurance company aware of it.

The City of Charles Sturt admits that some of its stormwater systems would be unable to cope with a major rain event.

Experts predict that Adelaide's western suburbs would be hardest hit by a major flood. The recently released *Report on Sustainable Water Options for Adelaide* says,

“Adelaide has most of its urban areas built over unstable alluvial flood sedimentary fans, terraces and flood-out areas and is thus at a high risk of severe damages in large flood events.” The report goes on to say, “following the subsequent development of the western suburbs and continued encroachment of development onto flood plains, many lives could be lost and property damage would be extensive.” Read the full report at:-
www.markparnell.org.au/uploads/SF%20Urban%20water%20report%20final.pdf

What can be done?

A golden opportunity exists to use Cheltenham Park Racecourse for large-scale harvesting of stormwater. Water could be directed to the site from both the Torrens Road and Port Road drains, cleaned in wetlands, stored in the underground aquifer and extracted for reuse. The results would be;

- ✓ Flood risk greatly reduced
- ✓ Increased water supply for Adelaide
- ✓ Less stormwater ending up in the sea = less damage to marine life of Gulf St Vincent
- ✓ More public open space for recreation

This unique opportunity will be lost forever if a housing development covers this precious open space – the last of its kind in the western suburbs.

What can you do?

Sign the petitions to Governor Kevin Scarce and Senator Penny Wong to preserve 100% open space at Cheltenham Park Racecourse for stormwater harvesting and flood mitigation. In so doing you will support resolutions 1 and 3 from the public meeting “Water And The State We Are In” (see over).

Don't be misled by claims that the planned housing development on Cheltenham Park Racecourse will include a system for stormwater harvesting. The proposed 4 to 6 hectares of wetlands would be too small to capture floodwaters in a major event, and the amount of recycled stormwater would be minimal compared to what is possible if the whole site remains open space.

Please return signed petitions to The Cheltenham Park Residents Association, PO Box 5154, ALBERTON SA 5014. Or, if you prefer, you can send them direct to the Governor and Penny Wong at the addresses on the petitions. For more information, phone 8447 7123.

PUBLIC MEETING
WATER AND THE STATE WE ARE IN
Resolutions **Amended** 14 October 2008

RETAIN PROCLAMATION PROHIBITING SUBDIVISION.

1. This Meeting calls upon the Governor not to revoke or vary the 1961 Proclamation that prohibits the subdivision of the described Land, Cheltenham Park Racecourse, (A.G.O.,168/1960) into allotments for sites for residences, shops, factories, or other like premises.

STATE GOVERNMENT NOT TO PROCEED WITH DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT

2. This Meeting calls upon the State Government to **Reverse their Decision** on the Development Plan Amendment Report for the described Land as it is in the public interest to preserve this remnant Kaurna land as open space for future generations.

PRIME MINISTER RUDD TO ACQUIRE THE LAND

3. This Meeting calls upon Prime Minister Rudd to acquire the described Lands, Cheltenham Park Racecourse, to enable the City of Charles Sturt to proceed with the 2007 National Water Initiative for the establishment of storm water management wetlands and aquifer storage to enable resupply of this water to industries, schools, Council reserves and the like.

COUNCIL TO PROVE FLOOD MITIGATION NOT NEEDED AT CHELTENHAM

4. This Meeting calls upon the City of Charles Sturt and its Engineers to prove to the Cheltenham Park Residents Association Inc. that Flood Mitigation work for storm water is not required on the Cheltenham Park Racecourse land to protect the homes and properties in the Cheltenham Park Racecourse catchment region.

SUPPORT DOLPHIN PROTECTION: PREVENT POLLUTION OF BARKER INLET

5. This Meeting calls upon the State Government to support dolphin protection in its Reserve Zoning of the Port River and prevent the pollution of the Barker Inlet by storm water entering from the Torrens Road catchment region.

ENGAGE THE NATIONAL TRUST ON ISSUES OF HERITAGE AND CONSERVATION

6. That this Meeting form a Committee for the purpose of establishing a Local Branch of the National Trust.

CHELTENHAM PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC. 14 October 2008.