



MEDIA RELEASE

FLOOD DAMAGE RESTORATION COONAMBLE SHIRE

Councillor Tim Horan, Mayor of Coonamble Shire, stated “Massive problems have been caused by recent flooding and whilst Council would like to be in a position to commence immediate remedial work, this will not be possible until authorization is granted by Government bodies responsible for funding of the natural disaster event”.

He said “The process involved prior to undertaking permanent road repair work is a lengthy one which involves not only Council assessment and costing but also approval by relevant Government agencies and authorisation to proceed”. The Mayor further stated “Emergency work will be undertaken immediately to allow access to badly affected areas, however inconvenience in other areas is unavoidable and beyond Council’s control”.

Regarding the Warrena Weir, Mayor Horan said “Extensive damage has again been caused and every effort will be made to permanently remediate the weir under the natural disaster funding”.

Councillor Horan said “Following the 2000 flood Council sought funding to fix two areas of concern in the levee”. He said “Two significant studies identified the weaknesses in its structural integrity and the repair process was delayed by the late provision of a flood study which took over four years”.

“Funding was received in the second half of 2009 for the design of the works required on the levee and tender for this stage has been let”. Cr. Horan said. He went on to say “I understand the actual remediation works may now have priority for funding”.

In closing Cr Horan said “I thank everyone involved in the mammoth task of mitigating the dangers to the community and township”.

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