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NEW FLOOD RISK INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR HAWKESBURY

New flood-risk information is now available for Hawkesbury residents following the release of first regional flood study for the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley in more than 20 years.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP said providing good quality flood risk information to the community is a vital step in reducing flood risk for the people live and work in Hawkesbury and across flood-prone areas of the electorate.

“The Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley is in a floodplain, and there will always be floods in the valley,” Ms Preston said.

“We need to have the best information available so we can be ready for floods when they occur – having good information can save lives in a flood emergency.”

The new Regional Flood Study contains updated information about riverine flood risk in Hawkesbury, and includes new regional maps that show flood extent, depth and likelihood from riverine flooding.

“It’s been more than 20 years since the last regional flood studies were done and there have been significant improvements in science and changes within the valley since then,” Ms Preston said.

“The new Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley Regional Flood Study 2019 has been developed by leading flood experts provides the latest information about the existing flood risk for the region.”

The new Regional Flood Study has been provided to floodplain councils, the Insurance Council of Australia and utilities to ensure they have the most up to date information on flood behaviour in the valley. It is also underpinning regional land use and evacuation roads master planning.

The new flood study has been welcomed by the NSW SES.

“Information from flood studies like this are an important input to help us plan for and respond to floods”, NSW SES Commissioner Kyle Stewart said.

“This new information and mapping will support our emergency and evacuation planning for the valley” he said. “It will also provide important information to the community to help them understand their risk, what they should do and how they can prepare for a flood.”

Visit the NSW SES website at www.nsw.ses.gov.au/hawkesbury-nepean-floods for maps and resources to help understand flood risk in the valley and for important information on how to prepare for floods.

More information about the Regional Flood Study, including a plain English Regional Flood Study Overview is available at the Infrastructure NSW website at www.insw.com/flood-strategy.

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