



Media Release

Carisbrook Flood Plan Underway

(25 January 2012) North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) has appointed Water Technology as consultants to develop the Carisbrook Flood and Drainage Management Plan.

Water Technology was chosen after a rigorous tender process and has already begun work on the plan. In September last year Minister for Water, Peter Walsh announced \$115,000 funding from State and Commonwealth Governments, complementing funds from North Central CMA and Central Goldfields Shire, to develop the plan. The funding is in response to damage caused by flooding in September 2010 and January 2011.

Ms Camille White, Executive Floodplain Manager for the North Central CMA, said that the Carisbrook Flood and Drainage Management Plan will determine the potential impact of a range of flood events on the town of Carisbrook.

“The plan will provide us with valuable information about how to improve flood warnings and emergency responses as well as highlight potential mitigation options,” she said.

“There was strong interest from consultants in the tender process with seventeen applications received. Tenders were assessed based on a combination of technical competence and methodology. We found that Water Technology was the best fit for Carisbrook because they have extensive local experience and specialise in floodplain management, hydrology and flood hydraulics.

“The next step is to discuss expectations with the Carisbrook community. We need community input to ensure that from the outset Water Technology, North Central CMA, the Central Goldfields Shire and the people of Carisbrook are on the same page when determining what we hope the plan will achieve and how to achieve it,” Ms White said.

A community meeting will be held in the Senior Citizens Club, Urquhart St, from 7.30 pm Tuesday 21 February to discuss the plan in more detail and help gauge local expectations. All members of the Carisbrook community are invited and encouraged to attend and have their input to the plan. For catering purposes please register by phoning the North Central CMA on 5448 7124 before Friday 17 February.

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