



Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee

Hearing Date: 13 September 2023

Question[s] taken on notice

Directed to: Greater Shepparton City Council, Peter Harriott

Received Date: 3 October 2023

1. **Rikkie-Lee TYRRELL, page 7**

Question Asked:

You mentioned here resource sharing with other councils through an emergency situation. Just a question regarding insurance: if you are to borrow a pump from another shire and it gets damaged in your shire, will that be covered still? The same goes with personnel. I am just wanting to know if it is going to have an impact further down the track if something like that happens or if we need to change it so that they are covered.

Response:

Providing we had some type of agreement in place with the other Council to borrow equipment, that equipment would be covered by Council's insurance.

With regards to sharing personnel – if a staff member was assisting from another Council (i.e. they had been sent to Greater Shepparton to work) then they would still be covered by their substantive Council's WorkCover. Technically they are still employed by their own employer, just at another location.

2. **Rikkie-Lee TYRRELL, page 15**

Question Asked:

I cannot quite find the figures of how many houses and businesses or vital infrastructure were impacted by the floods. Do you have that there?

Peter HARRIOTT: We do, and instead of quoting figures now I will provide that information. Our assessments went to thousands – there were probably 4000 or 5000 assessments we made – and they are all impacted to varying degrees. If you are talking about water over floor level, there are probably 300 or 400 of those. So it is a mixed bag, and we have got detail in relation to that which we can provide.

Response: *GSCC can provide data and information in relation to residential housing and civic infrastructure.*

Damage severity status (status mostly from EHAs)	Properties Inspected
Totally destroyed	3
Partially destroyed	83
Inaccessible / Non-functioning <i>Describes properties not suitable for habitation, no kitchen or toilet for example.</i>	139
Damaged – Habitable / Functioning <i>Describes properties with some damage but residents can safely remain in them.</i>	360
Unknown – Council and ERV have repeatedly attempted to make contact via correspondence and doorknocking.	315

Updates on impacted Council assets

- *Approximately 250 defects were found on unsealed Council roads post floods – representing around 200 km of roads. Sealed (Council) road surveys have been completed and there is a \$16.4 million dollar program of initial works underway for approximately 100km of sealed roads.*
- *Aquamoves (regional aquatic centre) was significantly impacted, in particularly the outdoor 50m pool (now reopened).*
- *Erosion of Goulburn River bank near Aquamoves has created a risk to assets.*
- *Riverlinks Eastbank Performing Arts Centre operating at twenty percent capacity, to be fully reopened September 2023.*
- *Princess Park received temporary facilities located onsite for a minimum of two years, first football match played in April 2023.*
- *Echuca Road Kindergarten destroyed, is no longer fit for purpose.*
- *Former Alexander Street Kindergarten is being refurbished to enable ongoing use by Mooroopna Education and Activity Centre.*
- *KidsTown playground has required the replacement of soft fall mulch and has been re-opened.*
- *Victorian Park Lake Caravan Park insurance report dictated the removal of all cabins.*

Enquiries on data for agricultural losses will be best directed to Agriculture Victoria. Impacts in relation to non-Council roads should be sourced from the responsible agency.

3. Samantha RATNAM, page 15

Question Asked:

Would you be able to provide us with any estimates you have or data you have around how many people are living in temporary accommodation?

Response: *Emergency Recovery Victoria is the agency responsible for providing temporary accommodation to flood-impacted residents. The*

question would be better directed therefore to ERV. Less data may be available for flood-impacted residents who have sourced temporary accommodation via private means (for example, via insurance or private funds), GSCC does not hold this data.