

Donnybrook Local Resilience Plan
Workshop 2 outcomes

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Exploring resilience options

Local Resilience Task Force

Earlier this year, we invited applications from residents to be part of a Local Resilience Task Force.

Members of the Local Resilience Task Force have provided valuable local knowledge and insights to support the development of Local Resilience Plans.

The draft Local Resilience Plans will be shared with the rest of the community for feedback.

Actions in the plan will be implemented between now and 2050 with the aim of reducing the long-term impacts of natural hazards.



Elimbah Creek in flood, 1974

Workshop 2

The goal of the second workshop was to discuss options to improve local resilience to all natural hazards. This included improvements to both infrastructure and homes.

We also explored the draft format for the Local Resilience Plan document. Community representatives provided feedback on how to make the document more practical and easier to use.

"It's good to get ahead of the problem, get the solutions in place before the worst impacts hit."

Workshop participant



Donnybrook today

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Residents shared feedback with project team members about various topics including natural hazard impacts, property improvements, infrastructure improvements, and what should be included in the Local Resilience Plan.

Current natural hazard impacts

Feedback included:

- Natural watercourse causing erosion around the northern part of the Esplanade.
- Single open drain needs to service existing properties as well as new development.
- Increasing development changing drainage volumes and overland flow paths could impact road flooding.
- Garden bed edging can also change overland flow paths.

Property improvement options

Feedback included:

- Many property owners have already improved drainage on properties (e.g spoon drains, pump systems)
- Concern about whether the cost of improvements might be greater than the value of the property.
- Concern about whether property owners will be able to access affordable insurance.
- Some older homes on stumps lend themselves to house raising.
- Property owners will need information to make decisions for themselves about their options.
- Suggestions for more community education, starting in high school, about planning for natural disasters and improving resilience.

Infrastructure improvement options

Note: There is no proposed infrastructure solution for Donnybrook yet. A range of possible options were discussed.

Feedback included:

- No single infrastructure option will work by itself. Need to address water coming from both localised flooding and tidal inundation.
- Large drains and pumps need ongoing maintenance and can fail in big floods.
- Any infrastructure in the foreshore area should also create new or improve existing community spaces.
- Support for additional drainage options, particularly for new development areas.
- Any bund wall or road raising option should consider visual impacts on residents.

What the community needs in a Local Resilience Plan

Feedback included:

- It is difficult for property owners to navigate complicated processes for grant funding. They need more support.
- Expert advice for property owners based on their particular needs.
- Phone reception and power are essential for people with medi-alerts.
- Clear guidance of the approvals required for property improvement options.

Do you have something to add?

The Local Resilience Plans pilot project is committed to working with community members. If you would like to add your thoughts to the feedback gathered so far, email: **yoursay@moretonbay.qld.gov.au**