Flood Hazard Assessment

Intersection of Lake Macdonald Dr and Dianella Crt Cooroy

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the findings of a flood hazard assessment undertaken for the road intersection of Lake Macdonald Dr and Dianella Crt in Cooroy.

This report describes the configuration of the local high resolution flood model and summarises the hydraulic performance of the intersection under a range of design flood conditions with Annual Exceedance Probabilities of between 50% AEP and 0.2 % AEP.

Detailed ground and feature survey provided by Murray & Associates (see **Appendix A**) shows three pipe culvert cells passing beneath Lake Macdonald Dr from the southeast corner of the intersection with Dianella Ct to the northwest corner of the intersection adjacent to Wilgee Ct. Two of pipe culverts are shown to be 1050 mm diameter and the third is 1350 mm diameter.

For the 10% AEP design flood event the intersection is not inundated and hence no flood hazard exists within the trafficable road corridor. For the 2% AEP design flood event, shallow inundation at the peak of the flood event introduces a low (H1) flood hazard classification across the intersection with areas of higher classification where flow across the road concentrates and returns to the main waterway, see **Map 5.** The flood hazard classifications are similar for the 1% AEP design flood event, however, a more prominent corridor of higher (H5) flood hazard exists across the intersection, see **Map 6**.

The duration of inundation across the intersection for the 2% AEP and 1% AEP design flood events is anticipated to be less than 1.5 hours. The actual duration of inundation will vary for each major rainfall event experienced in the local catchment; however, the approximate duration of the design flood event provides a reasonable indication of the duration of inundation which is also consistent with the size of the upstream catchment that contributes flood flows to the intersection location.

The intersection is flood free and trafficable for events up to the 10% AEP.

Detailed flood modelling of the catchment and subject intersection has demonstrated the capacity of the existing culverts provides 10% AEP design flood immunity to the intersection. For larger and rarer flood events of less than 2% AEP the model results show the intersection will experience water over the road to depths of less 0.3 m for a 1% AEP flood event for relatively short durations of less than 1.5 hours.

The flood modelling has also demonstrated that should a significant blockage of the culverts occur during a major rainfall flood event the depths of inundation across the culvert would not be expected to significantly change, however, the inundation across the intersection would persist for longer periods.

The hydraulic performance of the intersection culverts is summarised in **Table E -1** below.



	AEP		Discharge		Depth	Velocity	Water	
			Culverts Weir		Weir	Weir	elevation*	
	(%)	(1 in x)	(m³/s)	(m³/s)	(m)	(m/s)	(m AHD)	
	0.2	500	11.1	18.8	0.16	1.79	103.8	
	1 (2100)	100 (2100)	10.7	15.8	0.14	1.69	103.77	
	1	100	10.3	8.2	0.07	1.36	103.67	
	2	50	10.1	5.7	0.05	1.21	103.6	
	10	10	8.7	0	0.00	0.00	103.3	
	50	2	3.7	0	0.00	0.00	102.5	

Table E 1 - Hydraulic performance of intersection culverts

* Upstream face



1 INTRODUCTION

Noosa Council approached HydraLogic to provide a summary of the design flood conditions at the intersection of Lake Macdonald Drive and Dianella Court in Cooroy.

The crossing is portrayed as being inundated in Council's strategic planning and disaster management maps.

The watercourse and catchment associated with the culvert crossing at this location lie within the 2018 Six Mile Creek flood model prepared by WMA Water for Noosa Council.

An initial review of the flood model results revealed the local tributary was only defined in the flood study model to determine design flood inflows to the main branch of Six Mile Creek downstream of Cooroy township. The road culvert crossings along this local tributary were not defined in the flood model.

To enable a detailed summary of the design flooding conditions of the intersection to be prepared a higher resolution flood model was developed for the local tributary. This local flood model includes a higher resolution digital terrain model and the pipe culverts at Lake Macdonald Dr, Curlew Cresent, and Swift Drive.

This report describes the configuration of the local high resolution flood model and summarises the hydraulic performance of the intersection under a range of design flood conditions with Annual Exceedance Probabilities of between 50% AEP and 0.2 % AEP.

The intersection and local catchment are shown in **Map 1**.





2 AVAILABLE DATA

Table 2-1 presents a summary of the data utilised to inform this investigation.

Table 2-1 Available Data

Data	Source	Comments
Topographic details	2022 LiDAR Digital Elevation Model	Provided by Noosa Council
Catchment Boundaries	2018 Six Mile creek Flood Study 2022 DEM	
Land Use	Google Satellite	Determined from aerial image assessment
Hydrologic design flood runoff hydrographs	Watercourse flow hydrographs extracted from flood model results from the 2018 Six Mile Creek Flood Study	
Hydraulic tailwater boundary hydrographs	Watercourse stage hydrographs extracted from flood model results from the 2018 Six Mile Creek Flood Study	
Survey and infrastructure plans	Contour & Detail Survey of Lot 105 on SP 118458 62 Lake McDonald Drive, Cooroy prepared by Murray & Associates	Dated 05.04.24 Job number 100988 DTM See Appendix A
Road upgrade details	62 Lake Macdonald Drive, Cooroy prepared by Covey Associates Ptd Ltd	Issue A Dated 10.01.24 Job number 233467 C250 – 252 See Appendix B



3 SITE CHARACTERISTICS

The subject site is the intersection of Lake Macdonald Dr and Dianella Ct in Cooroy.

Detailed ground and feature survey provided by Murray & Associates shows three pipe culvert cells passing beneath Lake Macdonald Dr from the southeast corner of the intersection with Dianella Ct to the northwest corner of the intersection adjacent to Wilgee Ct. Two of pipe culverts are shown to be 1050 mm diameter and the third is 1350 mm diameter.

The Swift Drive culvert is a 1350 mm diameter and the Curlew Crs crossing is a 750 mm diameter.

Invert levels for these pipe culverts were determined from the 2022 digital elevation model (DEM).

3.1 Catchment Characteristics

Upstream of the subject site, the local catchment extends to the southeast and northeast and covers an area of approximately 70 hectares. The catchment is comprised of three sub-tributaries. The larger two of these sub-tributaries have a confluence downstream of Swift Dr and Curlew Crs. A third minor tributary drains from southwest and joins the main tributary watercourse approximately 450 m upstream of the subject site. There is also a minor inflow to the main tributary from the north just upstream of the subject site. The tributary waterway corridor is well defined by adjacent elevated topography.





4 HYDRAULIC MODELLING

4.1 Model setup

To determine the potential flooding conditions of the Lake Macdonald Dr and Dianella Crt intersection a high-resolution HEC RAS (Version 6.5) 2D flood model was developed for the local catchment and watercourse.

The terrain base for the flood model was a 2022 digital elevation model provided by Noosa Council derived from aerial laser survey (LiDAR).

The flood model included the entire contributing local catchment area upstream of the subject site and extended approximately 450 m downstream to a confluence with another minor tributary.

A 2D model grid spacing of 5 m was adopted to ensure the accuracy of the terrain representation throughout the waterway corridor. The 5 m grid was tested against a 2m grid and produced consistent results.

Breaklines were incorporated to improve the model's representation of significant changes in surface elevation, land use and flow paths.

4.1.1 Model boundaries

To maintain consistency with the Six Mile Creek flood model, tailwater boundary conditions and upstream tributary flows were extracted from the model and applied to the high-resolution local flood model.

The downstream boundary of the local flood model was established as a time varying water level hydrograph. Upstream of the subject site time varying discharge hydrographs were also extracted from the Six Mile Creek flood model at five reference locations and used as inflow boundaries in the local model, see **Map 3**.

Design tailwater level and instream flow hydrographs were extracted from the Six Mile Creek flood model results for the following design flood events:

- 50% AEP (1 in 2 AEP)
- 10% AEP (1 in 10 AEP)
- 1% AEP (1 in 100 AEP)
- 1% AEP (1 in 100 AEP) 2100
- 0.2% AEP (1 in 500 AEP)

4.2 Future climate

As a part of the Six Mile Creek flood study, the Cooroy Creek flood model adopted a climate change/variability rainfall allowance of a 20% increase in rainfall intensity at year 2100.

4.3 Model Roughness

The observed land uses for the 2D model surface for the existing catchment condition is shown in **Map 3**.

The corresponding Manning's n surface roughness values for each surface type are presented in **Table 4-1**.

Catchment Surface	Assumed
	Manning's n
Openspace	0.08
Residential	0.12
Rural residential	0.06
Waterway	0.12
Roads	0.015

Table 4-1 Flood model surface roughness

4.4 Validation

Design discharge hydrographs were exported from the local high-resolution flood model results immediately upstream of the intersection and compared to design discharges extracted from the Cooroy Creek flood model.

Design discharge hydrographs show good consistency across all flood events. Refer to **Figure 1** to **Figure 6**.

Figure 1 - 50% AEP design discharge comparison

Figure 2 - 10% AEP design discharge comparison

Figure 3 - 2% AEP design discharge comparison

Figure 4 - 1% AEP design discharge comparison

Figure 5 - 1% AEP (2100) design discharge comparison

Figure 6 - 0.2% AEP design discharge comparison

5 FLOOD HAZARD

Australian Rainfall and Runoff (ARR) A Guide to Flood Estimation, Book 6 – Flood Hydraulics presents a series of general flood hazard curves based on depth and velocity, see **Figure 7**. The flood hazard classifications of H1 to H6 describe the six classifications of flood hazard detailed in **Table 5-1**. The depth velocity flood hazard classification limits are presented in **Table 5-2**.

Figure 7 - General flood hazard curves

Table !	5-1 Floo	d hazard	classifications

Flood Hazard Classification	Description
H1	Generally safe for vehicles, people and buildings
H2	Unsafe for small vehicles
Н3	Unsafe for vehicles, children and the elderly
H4	Unsafe for vehicles and people
Н5	Unsafe for vehicles and people. All building types vulnerable to structural damage. Some less robust building types vulnerable to failure.
H6	Unsafe for vehicles and people. All building types considered vulnerable to failure.

Table 5-2 Depth and Velocity Vulnerability Threshold Classification Limits

Flood Hazard	Classification limit	Limiting still water depth	Limiting velocity
Classification	(D and V in combination)	(D)	(∨)
	m²/s	m	m/s
H1	D*V ≤ 0.3	≤ 0.3	≤ 2.0
H2	D*V ≤ 0.6	≤ 0.5	≤ 2.0
Н3	D*V ≤ 0.6	≤ 1.2	≤ 2.0
H4	D*V ≤ 1.0	≤ 2.0	≤ 2.0
H5	D*V ≤ 4.0	≤ 4.0	≤ 4.0
H6	D*V > 4.0	-	-

Flood hazards for the subject site intersection have been determined for the 10% AEP, 2% AEP, and 1% AEP design flood events in accordance with the guidance in ARR Book 6 and are presented in **Map 4** to **Map 6**.

For the 10% AEP design flood event the intersection is not inundated and hence no flood hazard exists within the trafficable road corridor, see Map 4. For the 2% AEP design flood event, shallow inundation at the peak of the flood event introduces a H1 flood hazard classification across the intersection with areas of higher classification where flow across the road concentrates and returns to the main waterway, see Map 5. The flood hazard classifications are similar for the 1% AEP design flood event, however, a more prominent corridor of higher H5 flood hazard exists across the intersection, see Map 6.

Depth hydrographs were extracted from two reference points to determine the approximate duration of inundation that could be anticipated for inundation of the intersection. The depth hydrographs for the reference points shown on Map 6 are presented in **Figure 8** and **Figure 9**. The figures show the duration of inundation for the 2% AEP and 1% AEP design flood events to be less than 1.5 hours. The actual duration of inundation will vary for each major rainfall event experienced in the local catchment; however, the approximate duration of the design flood event provides a reasonable indication of the duration of inundation which is also consistent with the size of the upstream catchment that contributes flood flows to the intersection location.

The intersection is flood free and trafficable for events up to the 10% AEP.

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Figure 8 - Duration of inundation Reference Point 1

Figure 9 - Duration of inundation Reference Point 2

6 SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

To test the sensitivity of the high-resolution local flood model to modest changes in adopted parameter values, two sensitivity tests were conducted. A reference point (A) was adopted at the road entrance to Dianella Crt where hydrographs were extracted from the flood model and compared to the base case results. See **Map 3** for reference point location.

6.1 Manning's n roughness sensitivity

The first sensitivity test was conducted using a +/- 25% variation in the adopted Manning's n surface roughness value for the model. The adopted Manning's n surface roughness values are shown in **Table 4-1**.

Water level (Depth) hydrographs were extracted from the results of each sensitivity analysis at reference point A and compared to the base case results for the 2% AEP, 1% AEP, and 0.2% AEP design flood events. See **Figure 10** to **Figure 12**.

The results show the design flood levels at the intersection are not sensitive to reasonable changes in the adopted Manning's n surface roughness.

Figure 10 - Sensitivity analysis +/- 25% Manning's n 2% AEP at Reference Pt A

Figure 11 - Sensitivity analysis +/- 25% Manning's n 1% AEP at Reference Pt A

Figure 12 - Sensitivity analysis +/- 25% Manning's n 0.2% AEP at Reference Pt A

6.2 Culvert blockage sensitivity

The second sensitivity test assumed an amount of blockage of the available waterway area of the three pipe culverts which pass beneath the subject site intersection. A blockage factor was applied based on the Australian Rainfall and Runoff Book 6 Chapter 6 guidelines. An assumed Debris Potential (DP) of *medium* was adopted and an L_{10} value of 1.5 m assumed. The smaller culvert pipe diameter of 1050 mm was applied as the inlet width (W) control dimension. Based on guidelines a blockage factor of 25% was applied to the 50% AEP and 10% AEP flood event, and 50% to the 2% AEP, 1% AEP, and 0.2% AEP flood events.

Water level (Depth) hydrographs were extracted from the results of each sensitivity analysis at reference point A and compared to the base case results for the 10% AEP, 2% AEP, 1% AEP, and 0.2% AEP design flood events. See **Figure 13** to **Figure 16**.

The results show that shallow inundation to a depth of approximately 100 mm is introduced at reference point A for the 10% AEP design flood event, see Figure 13. For the 2% AEP, 1% AEP, and 0.2% AEP design flood events inundation depths across the intersection at reference point A increase by approximately 120 mm to 150 mm with the durations of inundation also increasing to between 2 hours and 6 hours respectively.

The results demonstrate that for flood events with AEPs less than 10% flooding conditions across the intersection do not change significantly in depth, however, durations of inundation may be extended.

Figure 13 - Sensitivity analysis 25% culvert blockage for 10% AEP at Reference Pt A

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Figure 14 - Sensitivity analysis 50% culvert blockage for 2% AEP at Reference Pt A

Figure 15 - Sensitivity analysis 50% culvert blockage for 1% AEP at Reference Pt A

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Figure 16 - Sensitivity analysis 50% culvert blockage for 0.2% AEP at Reference Pt A

7 HYDRAULIC PERFORMANCE

The hydraulic performance of the waterway crossing intersection is summarised in **Table 7-1**.

The hydraulic performance is based on the adopted flood model parameters and does not include potential significant blockage of the culverts.

AEP		Discharge		Depth	Velocity	Water
		Culverts	Weir	Weir	Weir	elevation*
(%)	(1in x)	(m³/s)	(m³/s)	(m)	(m/s)	(m AHD)
0.2	500	11.1	18.8	0.16	1.79	103.8
1 (2100)	100 (2100)	10.7	15.8	0.14	1.69	103.77
1	100	10.3	8.2	0.07	1.36	103.67
2	50	10.1	5.7	0.05	1.21	103.6
10	10	8.7	0	0.00	0.00	103.3
50	2	3.7	0	0.00	0.00	102.5

Table 7-1 - Hydraulic performance of intersection culverts

* Upstream face

8 SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Detailed flood modelling of the catchment and subject intersection has demonstrated the capacity of the existing culverts provides 10% AEP design flood immunity to the intersection. For larger and rarer flood events of less than 2% AEP the model results show the intersection will experience water over the road to depths of less 0.3 m for a 1% AEP flood event for relatively short durations of less than 1.5 hours.

The flood modelling has also demonstrated that should a significant blockage of the culverts occur during a major rainfall flood event the depths of inundation across the culvert would not be expected to significantly change, however, the inundation may persist for longer periods.

APPENDICES

Appendix A - Contour & Detail Survey prepared by Murray & Associates

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Appendix B - Road upgrade details prepared by Covey Associates Ptd Ltd

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