

# CAMDEN COUNCIL

## Media Release

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16 June 2016

### Storm Event – 4 – 5 June 2016

Over the weekend of 4 – 5 June 2016 the Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly Local Government Areas (LGA) were severely impacted by a storm event.

Mayor of Camden Councillor Lara Symkowiak thanked the SES and emergency services for their efforts during the storm event.

“During weather events such as these, we are very fortunate to have the assistance of the State Emergency Service. I would like to thank the Camden State Emergency Service controller Andrew Ellis and all the amazing men and women from the SES and other emergency services for their tireless efforts over the weekend.”

“I would also like to thank Council staff who were involved in assisting our community with the SES. These crews worked diligently and swiftly throughout the night, to reopen roads and bridges throughout the LGA as quickly as possible. We are fortunate to have so many staff who are dedicated to their community, being available at all hours of the day and night to close roads and monitor flood waters and help keep our community safe.”

“In the coming week I look forward to hosting a Mayoral thank you reception for the SES volunteers, other emergency services and Council staff. This is just a small gesture to show these amazing men and women, their families and the community how much we appreciate their dedication to our community in times like these.”

“I am very pleased to say that in addition to managing our own needs, Camden Council was able to assist Wollondilly Council by providing equipment and staff to help with their clean-up efforts. On the Monday night following the storm, Council provided two 13 tonne tipper trucks, a rear loader waste truck and drivers to add to Wollondilly Council’s clean-up crew. Our staff worked throughout the night assisting Wollondilly Council. The Mayor of Wollondilly personally called to thank me for Camden Council’s assistance and I understand has also thanked Camden Council publically in media interviews following the event.”

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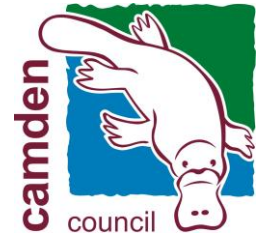
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“I wish all the residents and businesses who were affect by the storm all the very best and hope they are back in their homes and their businesses are up and running as soon as possible. My thoughts are also with those who were injured and the family of the gentleman who lost his life.”

“Camden Council is now in the clean-up and recovery phase. Council staff have been working hard to remove the effects of the flooding including clearing many tonnes of mud and debris and collecting storm material from residential properties in the Camden LGA, as well as making repairs to infrastructure where required.”

“Camden Council is continuing to work with our community and sporting groups to provide assistance as well as restore damaged Council property including sporting fields, playgrounds, roads and other community facilities as quickly as possible.”

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