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**LEEVE BANKS**

This policy applies to levee banks constructed and maintained within the Gannawarra Shire. This policy supports the Floodway Overlay, Land Subject to Inundation Overlay and Environmental Significance Overlay - Schedule 4 (Areas of Poor Drainage or Potentially Subject to Inundation).

**Policy Basis**

The siting and construction of levee banks is very important as they confine floodwaters to that part of a floodplain where their passage causes minimal damage ensuring lives, health and property can be protected.

**Objectives**

To ensure levee banks are constructed and maintained to a standard that provides for the implementation of flood mitigation schemes.

To ensure that unauthorised levee banks are not permitted to remain in place.

To recognise the role of public and community based organisations in the maintenance and development of existing flood protection levee banks.

**Policy**

It is policy to:

- Ensure that levee banks are constructed of a satisfactory material, and constructed and compacted to a satisfactory standard.
- Ensure levee banks are constructed in accordance with flood management strategies and maintained and upgraded to protect property and ensure continued use of land within levee protected areas.

**Decision guidelines**

Before deciding on an application, in addition to any other relevant decision guidelines in the planning scheme, the responsible authority will consider this policy and the comments of the floodplain management authority when considering applications to construct, maintain, rebuild, improve, modify or enlarge a levee bank.