

1 Introduction

1.1 Report Context

The NSW Floodplain Risk Management Process progresses through the following six stages (also shown diagrammatically in **Figure 1-1**):

1. Formation of a Floodplain Management Committee.
2. **Data Collection.**
3. **Flood Study.**
4. Floodplain Risk Management Study.
5. Floodplain Risk Management Plan.
6. Implementation of the Floodplain Risk Management Plan.

This report addresses aspects of Steps 2 (Data Collection) and 3 (Flood Study).

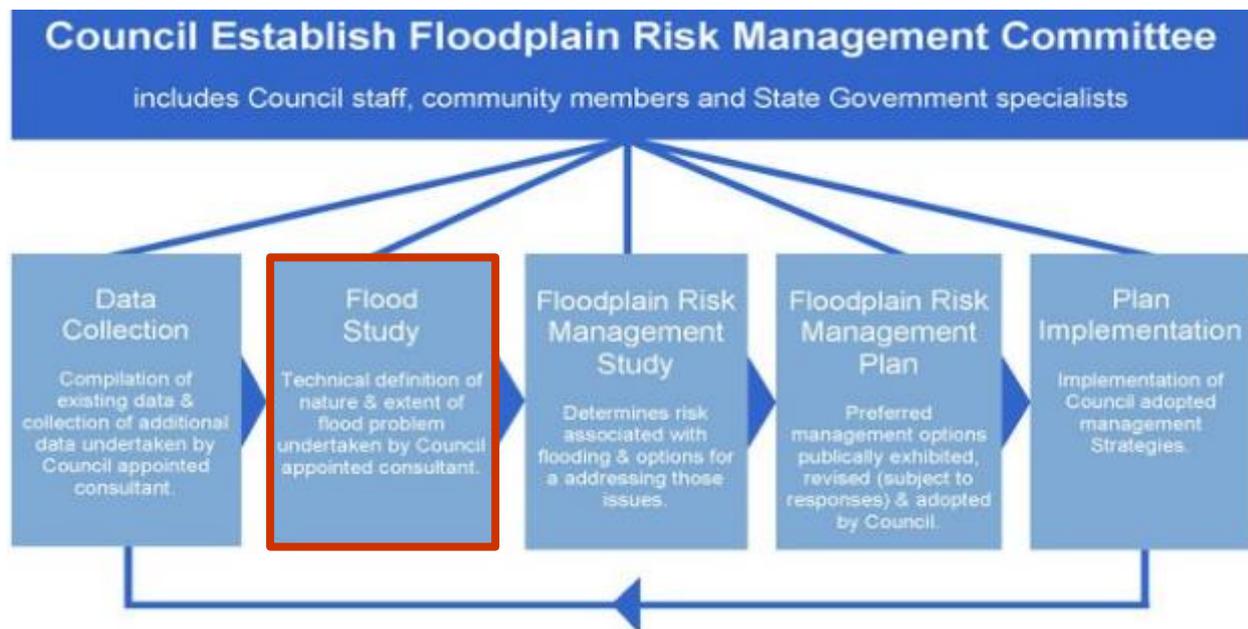


Figure 1-1 Floodplain Risk Management Process

1.2 Report Objective

The objective of this Stage 3 Report is to provide a Final Flood Study report, which describes the existing flood behaviour of the Merimbula Lake and Back Lake systems. The flood data developed as part of this study will inform Council of the current flood risks within the catchment and assist Council in ensuring that development within the catchment is undertaken with consideration of the flooding risks within the study area.