



# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## WALLSEND FLOOD MITIGATION

Newcastle City Council has responsibility for flood planning. The Council also owns the majority of stormwater assets.

Hunter Water plays a small role in the management of flooding in Wallsend, through the ownership and maintenance of the main concrete stormwater channel in the CBD.

Where we can, we are committed to working collaboratively with Newcastle City Council to find a solution. We have already offered technical expertise to assist its flood planning. We have also offered to explore ways to help facilitate a multi-agency approach to funding potential solutions.

Each year Hunter Water pays a dividend to the NSW Government, in line with government policy. These dividends are important as they contribute to the State Budget and in turn fund social services such as health, education, justice and transport across the state, including in the Hunter.