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Please review the following comments from the public QandA held on 26 Oct 2021.

Comment 1:

**“Major capital works are generally underpinned by programs of keynotes. These programs then lead to cashflow programs. Will these programs be submitted to IPART for the 5 year capital works programs?
A program of key dates would be fundamental to all capital works.”**

Additional information on Comment 1

Please note in the above question the word “keynotes” should read key dates.

The capital works expenditure program in Council’s submission lacks detail. Based on Council's previous submission (2018) it appears that IPART were unable to establish a \$20mill underspend from the previous period. Part of the problem could be poor planning. I think IPART and the public should have a level of confidence that the 5 year capital works plan will be spent as shown.

Comment 2:

“The TL Expert Panel identified the high nutrient loads entering Tuggerah Lakes via 100s of stormwater drains as the main driver of poor water quality. TLEP members have stated that there is 5 years before it will be difficult to reverse. The massive algae blooms in the southern end of TL are testimony to the high nutrient loads. What are Council’s plan to get more State Govt grants?”

Additional information on Comment 2

The State Govt owns the land for all the stormwater infrastructure at the point of entry into all the Creeks, River, Lagoons and Lakes. The majority of this infrastructure was either not provided, poorly designed in the beginning or needs repair and upgrade.

The State Govt appointed TL Expert Panel tabled their report in early 2021 with lots of recommendations to address water quality and in particular pollution from stormwater.

I understand that the ratepayer’s stormwater levy is not designed to fix water quality issues.

However the problem still exists.

The poor water quality in Terrigal and Avoca lagoons are good examples.

I would assume that Council and State Govt have formed joint funding partnerships to fix stormwater problems.

I would like IPART to investigate a special ratepayer's levy for stormwater infrastructure improvements. The revenue from the levy is then used to repay a \$50million loan for stormwater infrastructure.

The scale of the stormwater problem on the Central Coast is massive and I think requires special consideration.

Regards

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