

**Submission  
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## **REVIEW OF THE NSW RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY ACT 2022**

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**Subject: Submission – Review of the NSW Reconstruction Authority**

Lake Macquarie City Council (Council) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback to the Review of the NSW Reconstruction Authority Act

Council supports the purpose of the NSW Reconstruction Authority (the Authority), particularly the integration of the State's prevention, resilience and recovery efforts. We believe a single-agency approach is likely to be the most effective for managing these responsibilities.

The structure of the State Disaster Mitigation Plan and Regional and Local Disaster Adaptation Plans, constitutes a strong model and the Act provides the Authority with powers to exercise functions that its predecessor, Resilience NSW, lacked.

While the Committee has a statutory obligation to review the Act at this time, Council notes that the NSW Reconstruction Authority remains largely untested by a new disaster of the scale that gave rise to its creation, the 2022 NSW floods. It would be prudent to review the functions of the NSW Reconstruction Authority and suitability of the Act following a disaster of scale to ascertain;

- what measures aimed at disaster prevention, preparedness and adaptation taken by the Authority mitigated the impact of the new disaster
- the timeliness and effectiveness of the Authority in undertaking recovery and reconstruction activity, including in comparison to achievements under previous agency arrangements.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment. Should you have any questions, please contact Deputy Chief Executive Officer Tony Farrell on [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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