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Afternoon

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before the committee, to review the notes and to provide answers to the two questions Brenda took on notice.

We have no changes to the notes.

For the two questions on notice:

**Page 25 from the CHAIR: What's your total budget?**

Our actual expenditure for our flood mitigation maintenance grant for 2021/2022 was \$305,861. Our budget for 2022/2023 is \$350,000 based on increased funding from contributing councils. The funding from the state government of \$84,600 remains the same again.

**Page 29 from the Hon. CATHERINE CUSACK: What does a red alert mean, basically for the dam?**

A 'Red Alert' means that water has reached over 1.8m in depth above the spillway crest. Dam failure in a flood event would typically be caused by the dam crest overtopping (the dam wall). A Dam Crest Flood combined with a Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) and Dam Failure would result in possible inundation of 33 downstream homes. The Rocky Creek dam and spillway are designed to withstand PMF conditions and there are no known safety deficiencies on the dam.

Regards  
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