

During flooding events at Longford there are alternative routes for residents to enter or leave the town in vehicles. The three routes and the location of the flood levee gate on Tannery Road are shown on the colour-coded map above.

**Alternative Road Route 1 (green):**

While Illawarra Road is open, vehicles can travel out of Longford via Wilmores Lane (turn opposite Austral Bricks) then turn right along Bishopsbourne Road to Illawarra Road, and turn right to Perth.

**Alternative Road Route 2 (purple):**

When Illawarra Road is closed west of Longford entrance, vehicles can travel out of Longford via Wilmores Lane (turn opposite Austral Bricks), Turn right along Bishopsbourne road to Illawarra Road, then turn left along Illawarra road to the Bass Highway.

**Alternative Road Route 3 (orange):**

When Illawarra Road is closed (both east and west of Longford entrance), vehicles can travel out of Longford via Wilmores Lane (turn opposite Austral Bricks), turn right along Bishopsbourne Road to Carrick then to the Bass Highway.

**The Tannery Road Flood Gate is shown in yellow.**

**IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**

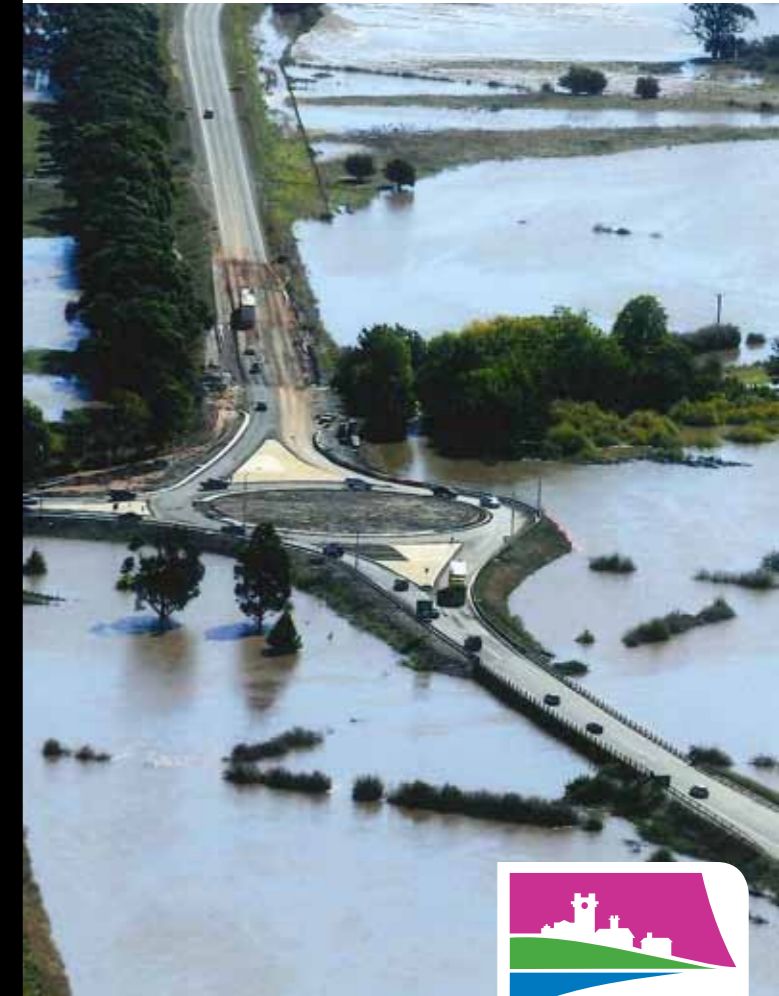
<b>Tasmania Police</b>	
General Enquiries	131 444
Emergency	000
<b>State Emergency Service</b>	
General Enquiries	6336 3790
Emergency	132 500
<b>Ambulance</b>	
General Enquiries	1800 008 008
Emergency	000
Red Cross - Enquiries	1800 246 850
Aurora Energy	1300 132 003
Bureau of Meteorology	1300 659 216

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**What to do BEFORE a flood**

**Tips to protect you, your family, pets and property.**



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## LEARN...

### Don't wait for a flood to learn what to do. Know how the Flood Warning System works.

- The Bureau of Meteorology issues a flood **watch** if flood producing rain is expected to happen in the near future.
- The Bureau issues a flood **warning** when flooding is occurring or is expected to occur.
- Council staff monitor the warnings provided by the Bureau of Meteorology and also monitor river levels to predict the possible level of flooding.
- **ABC Radio 91.7 FM** – will provide regular advice and updates on the current situation during a flood.
- **Minor Flooding** – Low-lying areas can be inundated which may require the removal of stock and equipment. Some roads may need to be closed.
- **Moderate Flooding** – The evacuation of some houses may be required. Some traffic routes may be covered and roads closed.
- **Major Flooding** – Properties are likely to be isolated and major traffic routes likely to be closed. Evacuation of people from the flood affected areas may be required.
- If Tasmania Police and Council consider that Longford is at risk of major flooding and parts of the town must be evacuated, you will get a standby notice firstly from Council then be told to leave your home by Tasmania Police.

## PLAN AND PREPARE...

- Prepare an Emergency Flood Kit with essential items (see fridge magnet).
- Plan where you will evacuate to (Council will have evacuation centres set up, should you not be able to stay with family or friends).
- Check your insurance cover
  - Are you covered for flooding?
  - Does your policy replace new for old, does it have a limit on repairs?
  - Check both building and contents cover; don't underestimate the value of contents.
- Know how to turn off your water, gas and electricity
  - Ask your supplier how to do this.
  - Mark taps or switches with stickers to help you remember.
- Know who to contact and how
  - Agree where you will go and how to contact each other.
  - Council has arrangements in place for you to take your pets with you to an evacuation centre.
  - Keep a list of important contacts with you.
- Think about what you can move now
  - Don't wait for a flood. Move items of personal value such as photo albums, family videos and treasured items to a safe place (secured in plastic bags or waterproof containers).
- Think about which items you will need to move to safety during a flood
  - Pets (dogs need to be muzzled and you will need to put all pets on a lead or in a pet container);
  - Cars (you should never drive through flood waters);
  - Furniture (should be placed on beds);
  - Electrical equipment (should be placed on furniture);
  - Garbage and recycling bins (should be tied and anchored); and
  - Car oils, pesticides and chemicals (should be stored in plastic airtight containers in a higher location).

See 'What to do During a Flood' brochure for more information.

- Get sandbags ready
  - Have a supply of strong plastic bags or pillow cases available to fill with sand or earth. Put plugs in sinks and baths, then weigh down with a sand bag to prevent sewage entering your property.
  - You can reduce the amount of water entering your property by sealing external doors and other openings. Use sand bags or silicon sealant.
  - Manhole covers within your property boundary should also be weighed down with sandbags or heavy objects.
  - Get lots of bottled or boiled water ready. You will need this when you evacuate and when you first return home.

Additional information is available at Northern Midlands Council's website or contact our staff with any questions or concerns.

Flood levee barriers in Longford will be erected at the following times:

**Union Street:** if the river is forecast to peak at a height of 6.7 metres or above;

**Littleton Street:** if the forecast peak is a height of 7.3 metres or above;

**Tannery Road:** the height of the main entrance into town is 7.7 metres. Council will have the flood protection barrier prepared for erection if the flood is forecast to peak at over 7.3 metres but will wait as long as possible before closing the entrance to the town;

**Archer street:** if the river is forecast to peak at a height of 8.3 metres or above.

### Notes:

The actual height of these above mentioned flood levee openings is 0.4 to 0.5 metres higher than the levels at which the flood barriers will be erected.

In some circumstances Council may choose to install the barriers at lower river heights than those shown above, for example, if the river is expected to peak at night or if it is difficult to be certain about the expected height of the river.

## ASK...

### Questions for Council:

- How deep will the water get in and around my property?
- Will my home become isolated?
- Do I have to evacuate and where do I evacuate to? What is the safest evacuation route?
- What flood advice will be given by local officials in addition to that given by the Bureau of Meteorology?

**Council has produced 'Flood Plain Maps' which will tell you the areas of inundation should the levees become breached. These maps are based on previous floods and modelling work undertaken for Council. Talk to Council about the plans they have, warning systems and evacuation plans. This information will assist you in being prepared for flooding.**

