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The slope risk assessment of Wolgan Road

Background on Council's slope risk assessments

In November 2022, torrential rain fell on land stripped of vegetation following the Black Summer bushfires, triggering landslides along sections of Wolgan Road at Wolgan Gap. A slope risk assessment by WSP found the slopes to be unstable, leading Council to close the road due to the unacceptable risk to motorists. This closure has significantly limited access for residents and businesses.

In late 2024 Council commissioned GHD to complete a fast-tracked peer review of WSP's past risk assessments.

GHD provided Council with their peer review of WSP's slope risk assessment on 5 March 2025. The report recommended that a new assessment be completed.

WSP have been provided with GHD's peer review and they provided a response to Council on 24 June 2025.

Both GHD's peer review and WSP's response are now been published on [Council's Wolgan Reconstruction website](#).

The new slope risk assessment process

In response to the recommendations in GHD's recent peer review, Council has procured a new slope risk assessment after a competitive tender process. On 25 June 2025, GHD was awarded the contract to deliver the new slope risk assessment.

The outcomes of the slope risk assessment will be made public. It will also be reviewed with Council's tripartite partners, Transport for NSW and NSW Reconstruction, to agree next steps to ensure ongoing compliance with the Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) under which this project is funded.

What about other road restoration options?

To avoid unnecessary delays, Council will continue to progress alignment designs for Option 1D, and Donkey Steps Option 3, while the new slope risk assessment is underway. This is in case it is assessed that the resilient restoration of Wolgan Road doesn't represent the best value for money solution.