

# VOLUNTARY HOUSE RAISING SCHEME

## Frequently asked questions

### **How do I access the funding?**

You should lodge an expression of interest with Council. This should be done using the Voluntary House Raising Application form available from Council's Administration office or Council's website [www.mpsh.nsw.gov.au](http://www.mpsh.nsw.gov.au). Council will contact you requesting quotes when funding is available. This will depend on where your dwelling is located on the priority list and how much funding the Office of Environment and Heritage has granted Moree Plains Shire.

### **What is the limitation of the subsidy?**

Under Moree Plains Shire Council's House Raising Policy, the subsidy towards the Voluntary House Raising works for each house is capped at \$120,000. Therefore, based on the ratio of 2:1 (the standard grant offered by the Office of Environment and Heritage), if the costs to raise your dwelling is \$150,000.00 grant funding will be able to contribute \$100,000. As per the policy, grant payments can be claimed in three stages. Stage 1 - House raised, foundations and columns in place. Stage 2 - All steel work completed and façade completed. Stage 3 - all works required by the Development Application have been completed and signed off by Principal Certifying Authority.

### **Who organises the quotes?**

It is the responsibility of the owner to arrange three quotes for the job and provide to Council together with a statement of which one is their preferred one and why (if it is not the lowest quote).

### **As a home owner what do I have to do?**

Council is only a facilitator of the grant. It is the owner's responsibility to:

- obtain three(3) quotes for the work, as mentioned above;
- Once an agreement has been signed by Council and the owner, the owner is to engage the approved contractor.
- It is the owner's or their contractor's responsibility to gain Development Consent and Construction Certificate prior to work commencing.

### **What costs are eligible for funding?**

- Plan and document preparation, including surveying costs.
- Development application costs,
- Site preparation,
- Disconnection of services and provisions of temporary services,
- Preparation for and raising of the floor to at least the Flood Planning Level.
- Installation of supporting structure for the elevated floor,
- Reconnection of Services,
- Installation of front and back door steps or ramp and associated safety rails,
- Costs associated with inspections and approval by the Council.

### **What costs are not eligible for funding?**

- Additional features, improvements, renovations and substitutions of services requested by the homeowner such as landscaping and concrete floor to the understorey,
- Any relocation costs incurred during work,
- Remedial works to the house if the house needs to be brought up to a standard to allow it to be raised.
- Retrospective works.