A meeting of the WSKRA (formerly CRC) Flora Fauna and Beachscape Work Group was called so that community input could be provided into the COS Drainage Plan Environmental Impact Statement. Community members of FFB present were Joanne Tyler (chair, and Vice President WSKRA), Juliet Le Feuvre, Yvonne Sheppard and Ted Gannan. COS was represented by Kerim Sijercic (Manager,Bushfire & Flood Recovery Infrastructure), Stewart Anderson (Manager Environment & Community Safety) and Liza Kennedy (Environment Project Support Officer). Donna Burns (DELWP Program Manager, Healthy Landscapes) also participated. A number of matters were discussed.

Vegetation: Community members sought assurance that all plants used would be indigenous to this area, and COS undertook to check this. It was noted that the intention is to not remove any mature trees – the consequent necessary alignments may require the creation of some easements.

Wetland in Boulevarde Gully: Enthusiastic response. Queries about size relative to benefit on water quality and suitability of proposed vegetation will be addressed by COS. Desirable to create a frog habitat – DELWP offered expert input.

Erosion: System is designed to cope with a one in five year heavy rainfall event. New and existing storm water system outlets will have erosion control features. Olive/Sarsfield gully flow will discharge into the Separation Creek to avoid beach erosion. Other beach outlets will remain.

Long-term system maintenance: Funding and maintenance regime currently being determined by Council.

Septic Tank Effluent Fields: Requirement for stormwater management and Legal Points of Discharge is intended to reduce water flow across effluent fields.

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| An overall objective of the scheme will be to improve the quality of water discharge across the towns, which will be achieved by constructing the proposed wetland and reducing overland flows through septic fields. It is considered not practicable to monitor the quality of water discharged. |  |
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