

CHAPTER II. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

The minutes of the three meetings are as follows:

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

DATE	13/06/2013 10:30 a.m.
LOCATION	PWD Conference Hall
PARTICIPANTS	General Public

KEY POINTS OF THE MEETING

- The presentation was focused on describing the proposed solutions for the river.
- The presentation of the Report was followed by a series of suggestions and queries from the public that can be summarised in the table below:

S.No	Suggestion/Comment	Answer
R&R		
01	Nobody should be relocated, and slum areas should be provided with proper infrastructures.	Only the necessary areas which are under flood risk, will be relocated as per the policy/guidelines of the government.
02	Relocation would break communities and livelihoods.	The relocation will be suggested considering this suggestion.
03	Relocation houses do not fulfil human standards.	The standards of the relocation houses will be analysed as per government policies.
04	Relocated people should be consulted before relocation.	Suggestion will be incorporated and responsible Government Agency will take care of this.
05	Houses given to slum dwellers are very small and lack proper facilities. There is a general mistrust on TNSCB.	The standards of the relocation houses will be analysed as per government policies.
06	Lands near the river are given to corporates, but are not available to relocate people.	Maximum efforts are being done to find lands nearby, but always in areas out of flooding risk.
IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM		
07	The project must be public	The project will be made to public to the extent required as per the policy of the Government.
08	All stakeholders must work together to restore the river.	The report will include having active public participation. A strategy will be suggested by the consultant.
GENERAL SUGGESTIONS		
09	Use of plastic should be stopped to reduce solid waste generation.	This will be done with the cooperation of local body/departments.
10	The Cooum River should be restored like the river in Singapore	Yes. The Cooum river will be restored as per the previous experiences in different rivers around the world.



11	The water must be filtered because of its bad smell.	This issue is covered under the project
12	Instead of a cycle track, something more creative should be built, something generating revenue.	Besides cycle tracks, the Master plan will include more activities along the river.
13	Methane could be produced in the river	The aim of the project is to restore the quality of the water, so there is no use for this suggestion
GENERAL COMPLAINTS		
14	When the river is dredged, the soil is dumped on the riverbanks and again eroded and silted during rainy season	The consultants will study and provide necessary suggestions.
15	There are mosquitos that cause fever. Is the project going to fix that problem?	After an integrated intervention in the river and the development of all the proposals, the number of mosquitos must reduce
16	The raw sewage outfalls are the main problem of the river	One of the objectives of the project is to collect the sewage outfalls, and develop the intervention plan.
17	Sewage is flowing through Storm Water Drains	The sanitation management plan will consider this suggestion.

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