

The Premier
Brisbane 4000

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Dear Anna,


I remember you saying when the floods were on that you would have an enquiry about them.

I wish to make some recommendations but I do not know who to send it to so can you please forward this to the correct body. Many thanks.

At the enquiry I wish to have the following discussed.

- (1) That any future subdivision on flood plains that houses have the living floor level 2.6m above ground level and the bottom level to be used for storage only (Vehicles etc etc only) . That on the rate notices it be clearly notified that it be used for storage only.
- (2) That where the recent flood level was over 2.5m deep that it be illegal to build a home on that land.
- (3) That the government encourage where practical that houses that were flooded be lifted to 2.6m and that the bottom section be used for storage only and while it needs to be to local government standards that there be no local government charges for this. Recently I know of a man whose house went under and was quoted \$10.000 to lift it to 2.5m.to local Government specifications. So it is affordable in some cases.
- (4) That the Government recommend that banks and lending authorities make loans available, where practical to do this work at a reasonable rate.
- (5) It would be nice to think of a government rebate but with the high cost of repair to flood damage I doubt if they could afford it.
- (6) That insurance companies be encouraged to make cheap loans available to lift houses above flood level and that the federal government be encouraged to give tax concessions to business's to rectify flood problems.

Yours sincerely,


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