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Dear Flood Inquiry Members,

The following link will give you a better understanding of what happened at Toowoomba and Grantham.

We know of these events as flash flooding, but in other parts of the World they already have a name, they are more correctly described as a Cloudburst and this description fits perfectly. You will see from the Wikipedia record they are rare and catastrophic.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cloudburst>

The following example from the Wiki site reads exactly like what happened to Toowoomba and Grantham

India

In July, 1970 — Cloudburst in the upper catchment area led to a 15 metre rise in the Alaknanda river in Uttarakhand. Entire river basin, from Hanumanchatti near the holy pilgrimage town of Badrinath to Haridwar was affected; An entire village was swept away.

Several years ago in the north Queensland mountains a 5 metre high wall of water rushed down a mountain and claimed the life of a foreign tourist. Toowoomba and Grantham are not the first of this phenomena in Australia, they are just the first filmed.

Sincerely,

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