



Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.



Monday, 14 February 2011

Hon. Justice Catherine Holmes
Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry

Dear Justice Holmes,

Re: Suggestions to assist with flood mitigation in Toowoomba city

As a long-time resident and ratepayer of Toowoomba, I have been appalled at the lack of flood mitigation works undertaken by the former Toowoomba City Councils.

Most of the existing 'flood mitigation' works have been more to do with beautification than anything else.

As a consequence of the recent 'super cell' rain event in Toowoomba and the subsequent flooding episode, I make the following suggestions to assist with future flood mitigation:

- Widen the creek corridors for East, West Creek, Spring Gully Gowrie Creeks
- Resume (and/or buy back) properties in the expanded creek corridors
- Build a series of wide and deep retention ponds/dams along all the aforementioned creeks to assist in recharging aquifers and slowing down the water flow
- Fence of the creek corridors

Furthermore, major roads /bridges (mostly East-West direction) over these creeks need to be rebuilt at higher levels allowing for uninterrupted and safe passage. Particular roads requiring re-alignment and rebuilding include Bridge St, Jellicoe St, North St and Griffith St.

Thank you for this opportunity to make these suggestions

Yours sincerely,



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