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NEIL & VAW HUGHES.

9-3-11

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
FLOODS 2010-2011.

FIRST OF ALL THANK YOU TO JOH'S
GOVERNMENT FOR BUILDING WIVENHOE DAM.
WE OBJECT TO THE CRITICISM OF THE OPERATION
OF WIVENHOE ON 11th AND 12th JANUARY.

PEOPLE SEEM TO THINK OPENING THE GATES THEN
CAUSED BRISBANE TO FLOOD. THERE WAS MASSES OF
FLOODWATER THAT ENTERED THE BRISBANE RIVER BELOW
THE DAM WALL.

WE LIVE AT GLENORE GROVE NEAR LAIDLIEY CREEK
AND HAD OVER 300mm OF RAIN THAT TUESDAY 12th JANUARY
AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WAS INUNDED WITH THE
SAME AMOUNT OF RAIN. ALL THIS WATER ENTERED
BELOW THE DAM WALL. WATER FROM ROSEWOOD AND
IPSWICH AREAS ALL ENTER BELOW THE WALL.

THEY KEEP BLAMING THE OPERATION OF WIVENHOE
BUT NO ONE MENTIONS THE VOLUME OF WATER COMING
DOWN STREAM FROM SOMERSET DAM AND TOP OF STANLEY
AND BRISBANE RIVER.

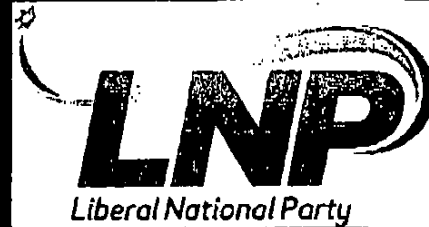
WE BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT DEPTS. SHOULD
ALLOW DRY CREEKS TO BE CLEANED OUT SO THEY WILL
HOLD MORE WATER FOR LONGER AND THIS WOULD
MAKE THE NEIVER'S IN THE CREEKS WORK MORE
EFFICIENTLY.

WE BELIEVE THIS WAS A NATURAL DISASTER, NO ONE
IS TO BLAME, MOVE ON AND GET THE MONEY DONATED
TO FLOOD VICTIMS WORSE HIT AND GET OUR LOCKYER
VALLEY MOVING ON.

THANK YOU
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- Do we need an early warning system for floods? **NO.**
- Have you ever been involved in a local meeting about flood early warning system?
NO.
- Would an early warning system work? **NO. NOT WHERE WE LIVE. WE KNOW WHEN TOP OF WAIDLEY CREEK HAS RAIN AND CREEK RUNS, IT IS APPROX 12km TO HERE AND 6 to 8 km FROM WAIDLEY.**
- Had you been advised by Council, or State Government, the highest flood levels in your area? **NO**
THE LOCAL COUNCIL WAS SENDING NEW PEOPLE TO OUR AREA TO US FOR FLOOD HEIGHTS AS COUNCIL DID NOT WANT TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.
- Had you ever received evacuation information for flood / landslides / fires?
NO.

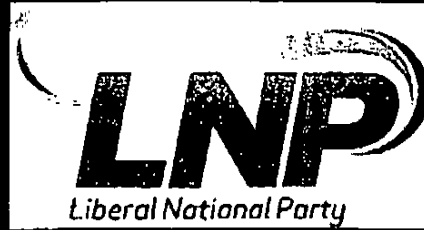
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- Have you ever been advised of a flood management plan? **NO. - NOT FOR WHERE WE LIVE.**
A FEW YEARS AGO WE HAD A REPORT FROM DEPT. NATURAL RESOURCE THAT THEY WERE NOT LETTING CONTRACTORS CLEAN THE LOCKYER CK OUT BUT LET THEM SILT UP AND USE THE FARMS AS FLOOD PLAINS.

- Have you ever been asked to be on or involved with a Floodplain Advisory Committee?
NO.

- What do you feel could have been done to make your area safer:-
- Before the flood - **SUNWATER AND DEPT NATURAL RESOURCE SHOULD HAVE LEFT SAND & GRAVEL SUPPLIERS CLEAN CREEKS OUT WHILE THEY WERE DRY.**
- During the flood - **NEW RESIDENTS & POLICE SHOULD LISTEN MORE TO OLDER RESIDENTS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE ABOUT HEIGHTS AND THE FLOW OF THE WATER!**

Other Questions or Statements
WE FEEL THE LOCKYER CREEK AND LOWER PARTS OF WAIDLEY CREEK WOULD NOT HAVE CAUSED AS MUCH EROSION OF THE BANKS AND LANDSLIDES, IF SUNWATER & NATURAL RESOURCES WOULD HAVE LEFT US CLEAN SAND AND SILT OUT IN FRONT OF THE WEIERS THEY HAVE PUT IN THE CREEK. WE HAD A LONG TIME OF DRY WEATHER BUT COULD NOT GET PERMISSION, WHEN WE DID WE HAD TO PUT ANYWOGS WE MOVED BACK IN THE CREEK BED IN CASE A LITTLE FROG LIVED THERE.

Ensure the questionnaire is filled out. Name:

Complete cover sheet for submission. Signature.....

Return this form with your submission. **Important—Please—sign xxxxxxxx**

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