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The Honourable Justice Catherine Holmes
Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry
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Dear Justice Holmes

I wish to make a submission for your consideration to the Committee of the flood inquiry.

I live in Brookfield and work in Rocklea. Both areas were affected by the recent, devastating January flood. These areas and many more, in Brisbane are constantly being flooded by heavy rain and storms.

One of the reasons, in my opinion, is that the streams, creeks and tributaries to the Brisbane River are not maintained by dredging, clearing and general maintenance.

In Picture A the course of the stream running along Creekside Park Brookfield, has actually been changed due to the mountain of sand, gravel and debris which has accumulated over the years. Also in Picture B another sandbank is forming next to Greentrees Avenue and eventually will be so big it will block the stream and cause flooding in heavy rain.

Similarly in Picture C the creek running under Beaudesert Road, Rocklea by Kookaburra Park is 7 metres wide and 5 metres deep. However, 100 metres away in Boundary Street, Coopers Plains, Picture D shows the same creek only 1 metre wide and 1 metre deep due to silt and vegetation constantly building up.

The solution is to put in place a continuing maintenance program of all tributaries to the Brisbane River to allow quick disbursement of water to alleviate some of the constant flooding problems.

Yours faithfully,

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