• Do we need an early warning system for floods? Yes!

People in ground zero at Grantham should have been evacuated.

• Have you ever been involved in a local meeting about flood early warning system?

Yes, but not in Lockyer Valley or anywhere in SEQ, only in NSW.

• Would an early warning system work?

It would give people an option to leave. It may have saved many children's lives if warnings were used.

• Had you been advised by Council, or State Government, the highest flood levels in your area?

No. Our house is on the hill in Grantham and we have never received any information relating to floods in the area. We first heard about floods just before Christmas 2010.

• Had you ever received evacuation information for flood / landslides / fires?

Yes, but not in SEQ Queensland.
Have you ever been advised of a flood management plan?
Yes, I am in 5 towns will not in the Lockyer Valley or Toowoomba.

Have you ever been asked to be on or involved with a Floodplain Advisory Committee?
No, but I was involved and attended training sessions with emergency disaster planning in Newcastle NSW after the earthquake.

What do you feel could have been done to make your area safer:
Before the flood
During the flood
After the flood: Build a purpose built hall or building that can be utilised as an evacuation centre with access to generators, gas, fuel & other equipment, hall can be used for community events utilised for community and can be used for maintenance.

After the flood we were continually informed our water was safe without informing we were informed it was off. People were not told not to drink water to clean children & animals.

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Ensure the questionnaire is filled out.
Complete cover sheet for submission.
Return this form with your submission.

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