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Qld Floods Commissioner of Inquiry
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Dear Commissioner, I would like to make a few comments about the floods in Queensland, and maybe Australia.

I am a fifth generation of a farm that was first settled by my ancestors in 1872. The farm is situated at South Maclean, just north of Jimboomba.

On the original deeds of one portion was marked "The Rafting Ground". This area was on the southern block which is bounded by the Logan River. Boats used to come up the river and make deliveries. My grandmother told me this, and I have some memorabilia which confirms this.

Since I have known the river, it has been incapable of having any boats because the water is too low or dry in dry times.

I investigated the river about twenty years ago, and found there was fourteen metres of sand at the point I looked at.

The Government has already put some weirs along the river, however I believed it should have been dredged first.

I believe if all the rivers were dredged, there

would be far less flooding than has occurred.
Imagine how many properties would have been saved if the Brisbane river had been dredged say 10 metres

I suggest there probably would be about twenty metres of sand in the Logan at present. The Government could make money on selling the sand and use it to put weirs along the rivers when they have been dredged. These weirs would then cater for drought times lower down stream.

To me, the rivers are the life blood of the country, and if we clog up our arteries we die. This is what's happening to our rivers.

I hope you can understand what I'm trying to get over to you.

Thank you for your time,

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P.S. Please feel free to ask any questions that may help you.