

I would like the inquiry to investigate why the Balonne Shire Council and DERM have failed to supply a safe environment for residents within this Shire.

The issue of levee banks which are being constructed without any consultation or prior investigation as to the effect they will cause has been raised with both the above departments for many years without any results.

This issue has also been brought to the attention of many politicians, media outlets, private residents and publicly aired prior to the flooding being a major issue.

The Balonne Shire Council and DERM both continually 'Buck Passed' this issue. Both parties ignored what was going to be an obvious result of these constructions being built without proper regulations and planning being carried out. Residents were inundated and property lost due to these constructions.

An investigation into why these levee banks were allowed to be constructed and who is ultimately responsible for the damage and property loss that they caused due to 'Man Made' flooding is warranted. Property damage would have been less if the floodplains within the Balonne Shire were not altered without due consideration to the consequences,

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