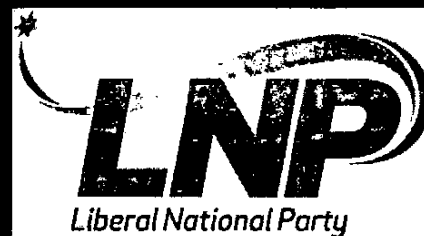


# IAN RICKUSS MP

## Member for Lockyer



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- Do we need an early warning system for floods?

Yes, I think we do need an early warning system! A siren alarming system at the bottom of the Toowoomba range & Murphy's Creek; then also from there leading downstream every 5km along the major creek lines - including alarms in populated small towns and suburbs. This alarm system at the bottom of the Toowoomba Range and Murphy's Creek would then trigger the alarm systems downstream, and alert radio airways.

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

No, but I think the event of January 10<sup>th</sup> needs to be taken seriously. With the ever changing climate patterns so unpredictable, the people of the valley need to join together and work on a solution - as this could happen again.

- Would an early warning system work?

Yes it would work - but it would have to be done once & done properly. I have mentioned above my proposed solution, this system could be constructed to alarm against not only flash floods, but bushfires are a serious threat in the warmer months.

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

No, but I think the latest flooding would have - or gone close to setting the highest flood peak on record.

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

No, but luckily we live ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> a well maintained block that is on a high landscape.

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- Have you ever been advised of a flood management plan?

No

- 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 Nothing could have prepared the people for this event. The catchment was drenched - maybe clear hazardous creek crossings of vegetation.

During the flood Priority warning (immediate warning over the radio & tv)  
 "Everybody living Down Stream of Withcott & Murphy's Creek immediately head for Higher Ground"

After the flood  
 → Everything done quite well. Well done to all volunteers rural firebrigade and SES members.

- Other Questions or Statements.

I strongly encourage Council to take the necessary steps to save us from losing lives to an event like this in the future! No one is to blame for the tragic event that happened on the 10th January 2011, but we can reduce the risk by alarming people of the threat....

"Well Done Mr Ian Rickuss"

Ensure the questionnaire is filled out.

Name: Timothy Grevell

Complete cover sheet for submission.

Signature 

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