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Bellbowrie  
10th March, 2011

The Old Floods Commission of Inquiry.

Dear Sir

I live in Banyan St, Bellbowrie above the 1974 level of floods (according to the council records before we bought this house). On Tuesday 11th January at 4:30 pm I posted a letter and bought few items at the shops then looked at the river, which was about three metres below the bank. At eleven p.m I heard on ABC radio, The Lord Mayor saying 'four houses' in Moggill would be flooded.

The next day, Wed 12th Jan, our section of the street leading out was blocked by water. The shopping centre was under water. So the warnings were inadequate for many areas in Bellbowrie, including either end of Banyan St and most of the western suburbs.

People who have moved here from other states, have no knowledge of the 1971 floods and were left completely unprepared. Near some creeks in an area e.g. Rattling Ground Rd and near Perrin Park have markers showing levels up to two metres to show how deep water can be. People on ABC radio have suggested that lines be marked on light poles showing the levels reached by this year's floods.

The emergency services were helpful after the water rose and were very helpful. The warnings prior to the floods in this area, were not good enough. More needs to be done to warn people of what is likely to happen.

Yours faithfully

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