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Member for Lockyer



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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 - Maintenance on Drains - creeks - Small Bridges - and weeds & trees & rubbish +

- During the flood - Relevant warning

- After the flood - Other than being out of our home for a long time. I feel that the army and police played a brilliant role. There is no way we could have done what they did.

- Other Questions or Statements.

I do think that someone tried to warn us with a loud hoister out of a vehicle. The warning was not loud enough as I was sleeping & my husband is deaf so was unaware of what was happening. I only knew because water was rising again & flowing in the opposite direction to previous flow & then it all exploded quickly.

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

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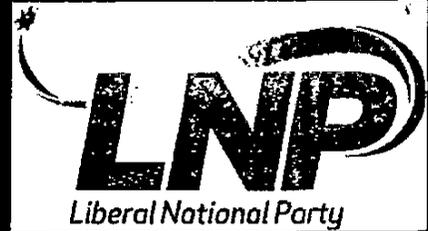
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Signature:

Important - Please sign xxxxxxxx

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- Do we need an early warning system for floods? YES

WE BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SIREN LIKE ~~THEY~~ ^{THEY} ~~ONCE~~ ^{ONCE} IN GATTON WHICH CAN BE HEARD ALL OVER TOWN. ON 26th DEC 2010 there was nothing and your own common sense. We were not approached by anyone either on the following days of flooding. I believe that the siren was not fixed.

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

NO - WE HAVE BEEN IN GRANTHAM 8 YEARS BUT HAVE NOT BEEN APPROACHED BY ANYONE REGARDING PROCEDURES - OR WARNING - JUST PICKED UP BY LOCAL KNOWLEDGE THAT COULD PARK CARS SAFELY AT RAILWAY YARDS.

- Would an early warning system work? NOT IN THE CASE OF 10th JAN

but in other cases possibly. We had just finished cleaning out under the house that morning & my husband & I were resting upstairs - ready to go back to work & downstairs later in the afternoon. We had been asleep and woke up as things were about to happen.

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

No - but were aware of 1974 when we bought the property.

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

NO - we had not.

- DO WE NEED AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM.

WE ONLY SPOKE TO PEOPLE AROUND 10.30 THAT MORNING THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY CHECKING ON THINGS THEY ONLY CAME AND SPOKE TO US BECAUSE THE TELEVISION ^{PLEASE TURN OVER} CAMERA MAN WAS OVER THE ROAD.

Have you ever been advised of a Flood Management Plan: **NO**

- Have you ever been asked to be on or involved with a flood plain advisory Committee: **NO**

WHAT DO YOU FEEL COULD HAVE BEEN DONE IN YOUR AREA

- **Before the flood:** Maintenance on drains, creeks and small bridges and weeds, trees and rubbish better controlled.
- **During the Flood:**
- **After the Flood:** Other than being out of our home for a long term, I feel that the Army, Police and SES played a brilliant role. There is no way that we could manage the work by ourselves that they did. The volunteers working at the Grantham School providing meals and drinks for the Grantham residents have also done a brilliant job.
- **Other questions or statements:** I do think that someone tried to warn us with a loud hailer out of a vehicle. The warning was not loud enough as I was sleeping and my husband is hearing impaired, so was unaware of what was happening. I only knew that the water was rising again and flowing in the opposite direction to the previous flow. And things then unfolded quickly.....
- **Do we need an early warning system for floods:** **YES.**

We believe that there was supposed to be a siren like the one they have in Gatton which can be heard all over town. On 26th December there was nothing, only our own common sense. We were not approached by anyone on the following days of flooding and I believe that the siren was not fixed.

- **Have you been involved in a local meeting in a flood early warning system?** **NO**

We have been in Grantham for eight years but have not been approached by anyone regarding procedures or warning systems. What we knew was only by local knowledge eg. that we could park our cars safely at the railway yards.

Would an early warning system work: **Not in the case of the 10th January 2011** but possibly in other cases. We had just finished cleaning under the house that morning and my husband and I were resting upstairs before doing some more later in the afternoon. We had been asleep and woke up as things were about to happen.

We had only spoken to people that morning around 10.30am. They were obviously checking on water height. They only came and spoke to us because there was a television man over the road filming.

Had you been advised by Council or State Government of the highest flood levels in your area? **NO**

We were aware of the 1974 flood height when we bought the property.

Had you ever received evacuation information for flood, landslides and fire? **NO**

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