

To the Honourable Justice Catherine Holmes.

Good morning my name is Clive Gray I am a part owner of a Mining Engineering Company and we currently manage a project at 33 Dunn Rd Rocklea 4106. During the event my facility was inundated by 2.5M of water. This for me bought home the sense of utter loss that the wider community was feeling. As did a lot of other people my family and I assisted with the clean up around the effected area. It was whilst we were cleaning up that the following story was outlined to me. I am not a hydrologist and I have nothing further to offer, but what was said made sense so I simply pass this on for your possible consideration.

After the 1974 flood, this chap told me that, part of the solution was to redirect the mouth of Oxley creek. The theory being that by turning the creek so that the mouth and first reach were pointing down stream the water would in fact be drawn out of Oxley creek instead of being pushed into Oxley creek. If this were the case, as a community we would have been saved a lot of personal lose and grief. Also we would have been spared the astronomical cost to business in the Rocklea and Oxley area. As with all good stories this one ended with the fact that there were certain people who were close to the government of the day who felt their property values would have been effected to much by such a venture therefore it was never done. Thankyou for your time and effort.



Regards Clive Gray