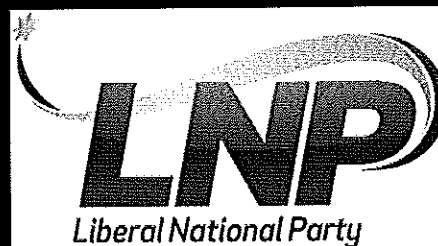


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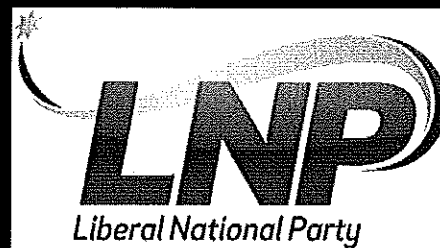
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- Do we need an early warning system for floods?
IT Would seem so. Better land use planning would prevent more people living in vulnerable areas. Visitors and Tourists could be advised to leave or not enter flood prone areas beforehand. Those people living in flood prone areas could be moved to community evacuation centres and checked off against a checklist.
- Have you ever been involved in a local meeting about flood early warning system?
No. Has there ever been one?
- Would an early warning system work?
*Depends on location and type of flood and time available.
FOR INSTANCE: The type of flash flood that affected Grantham and the upper Lockyer Valley is rapid moving. Once this occurs it is essentially too late for a warning to work effectively. People in areas affected by this type of flood need to be evacuated well before on the basis of the likelihood that it could occur. Some people are self prepared.*
- Had you been advised by Council, or State Government, the highest flood levels in your area?
No. However I am flood aware so look for signs in the environment and don't buy or live where flooding might occur. So I don't require this information from Council but others do.
- Had you ever received evacuation information for flood / landslides / fires?
*No. Again I consider flood and landslide possibilities before I buy or live in an area. If the possibility exists I will not live there. I am survival trained to defend and survive fire.
People should not live in areas where they could be affected by flood and landslides. This is a land use planning issue and public education and survival issue. If people did not live in vulnerable positions evacuation would not be needed.*

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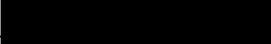
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- Have you ever been advised of a flood management plan?
No. All communities that can be flood affected and/or isolated should have a community evacuation/survival center stocked with essentials (food & water and needed medicines), a transceiver capable of contacting a central organisation post and a checklist of all persons in the community. A person should be responsible for running the center during events and checking off members on the checklists.
- Have you ever been asked to be on or involved with a Floodplain Advisory Committee?
No. No more building on flood plains and remove existing buildings and habitation on floodplains. Raised building platforms only in positions not affected by fast water flows.
- What do you feel could have been done to make your area safer:-
- Before the flood People evacuated from known flood prone areas (including their pets) to higher ground. Community evacuation centres.
- During the flood Refer to check lists, who's missing? Search and Rescue improvement.
- After the flood Rapid cleanup and repatriation of displaced persons.
- Other Questions or Statements. I believe flood effect to be largely a planning issue. For instance: Forest Hill is built on a flood plain on good arable soil. However about one kilometre to the northwest is higher ground with non arable soils. Why wasn't Forest Hill built there where it would not be flood affected? Similarly the flood affected part of GRANTHAM is built in a pinch thru which all the waters of the upper Lockyer Valley catchment must flow. In any effective flood management plan it would be necessary not to repeat and continue these mistakes of the past and work towards correcting those that have been made.

Ensure the questionnaire is filled out.

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