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2 March 2011

The Honourable Anna Bligh MP  
Premier of Queensland  
PO Box 15185  
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Dear Premier

*Anna*

I am writing to seek the Queensland Government's involvement in the buy back of flood prone land in Brisbane.

As you may be aware, following my election in 2004, I commissioned the Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Suburban Flooding (LMTSF) to investigate ways to mitigate the threat of flooding in Brisbane.

Council has since been working to address the recommendations made by the Taskforce and to date has invested more than \$453 million in works to limit the effects of flood and increase public awareness.

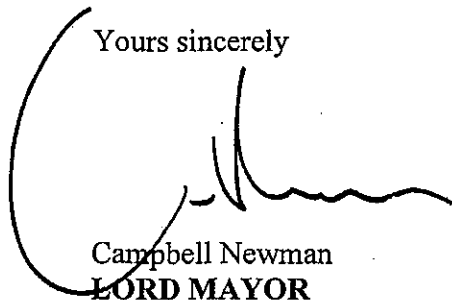
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In 2005 I wrote to then Premier, the Honourable Peter Beattie MP, seeking funding from the Queensland Government to increase Council's ability to purchase properties. This request was declined.

Recent disasters in Queensland demonstrate how important it is for all governments to work together to address the flood threat and invest in mitigation programs.

Therefore, I again seek the Queensland Government's consideration of funding for the VHPS to buy back land in flood prone parts of Brisbane. Queensland Government funding will help broaden the VHPS and ensure Brisbane residents are better prepared for flooding in the future.

Yours sincerely



Campbell Newman  
LORD MAYOR

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*I would propose a 50/50  
arrangement - State / BCC.  
Alternatively 33/33/33 if  
the Fed Govt were involved.*

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The Honourable Julia Gillard MP  
Prime Minister  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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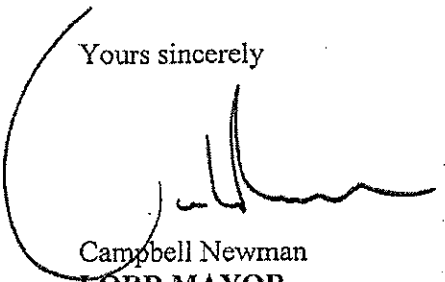
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