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QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING THE CAUSES,
EFFECTS AND PREVENTION OF FLOOD DAMAGE IN TOOWOOMBA

As Toowoomba has no river but is built on a swamp and many springs which drain in to East and West Creeks, who is responsible for checking saturation point of springs and capacity of the creeks ?

For instance, springs broke through streets and ran across the pavement for weeks (Alderley St near High St) etc and when the continual potholes resulting from this was reported to Council, they said they had been out to fix the potholes several times but couldn't stop the spring. Isn't it possible to install pipes to drain the water into gutters ?

After rainwater tanks were banned about 30 years ago. all roof water had to be drained onto streets instead of being allowed to soak in to backyards. This turns every street into a creek during storms with resulting potholes.

During the January rain events, people living near Rowbotham Street had up to a metre of water gushing through their yards which came off surrounding roofs. Others had sewerage flooding through their houses.

The new estate at the top of Stenner Street has very large houses with practically no yards and all their roof water flooded the Waterbird Habitat and destroyed Lake Annand on its way down East Creek where the fatality occurred on corner of Herries St.

Early in the 1980s I built a house near Lemway Avenue which runs parallel to West Creek. During storms the roof water from houses being built in Darling Heights turned West Street into a river and flowed down all the streets running east and my garage was constantly inundated. When I asked Council engineers why don't they build deeper gutters on West Street to move the water right through to Gowrie Creek, they said I shouldn't have built at the bottom of hill. Lemway Avenue also turns in to a river because of roof water.

My present property is situated midway between West Street and West Creek and I never expected to have flooding here. However during January I had half a metre of water flowing in to my garage (from neighbours roof water in cul-de-sac).

Obviously all this water which finished up in West Creek and joined up with East Creek is the cause of the CBD flooding.

Will someone take action to build better drainage for this city?

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