

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Robert Gordon ANDERSON
<i>Date of Birth</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>Address and contact details</i>	[REDACTED] Emerald [REDACTED] email - [REDACTED]
<i>Occupation</i>	Farmer Cotton Grower
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Sergeant Stephen PLATZ
<i>Date taken</i>	18 August 2011

**Robert Gordon ANDERSON states:**

1. I am [REDACTED] years old and I currently reside at a property situated at [REDACTED] Emerald with my wife. My main industry at the property is cotton production and we currently have around 500 acres of land under farming with cotton. I have been farming this property for the last 34 years and we have had the farm since 1977.
2. On 24 May 2011 I supplied a submission to the Queensland Flood Commission of Inquiry regarding the construction of levee banks in the properties adjacent to my land. My property is portion [REDACTED] in the Parish of Selma, and the County of Dennison. My property along with others suffered significant damage and inundation due in large to the construction and development of levee banks on portion [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (this is the original lot numbers, and has since changed to [REDACTED] owned by Trevor [REDACTED] and family, and on a farm further north owned by Scott [REDACTED] and family.
3. The construction of these levees relates to the limiting of flows and the re-direction of the flood plain for Retreat Creek and Ford Creek (also known as 12 Mile Creek). My submission details the type of levee construction which has taken place in a 5 page document. I am able to produce this submission.

**Exhibit: Submission to Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry  
by RG JM BH & RL ANDERSON dated 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

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- 4. Within this submission I produce a number of supporting documents that includes maps and photographs.
- 5. Map 1 is a parish map of the local area and depicts my portion, number [redacted] and the portions in question, [redacted] I am able to produce this map

**Exhibit: Parish of Selma, County of Dennison map displaying affected portions.**

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- 6. Map 2 displays the same Parish map but I have identified the areas where Retreat creek spills into Ford Creek as a result of the drain running along the outside of the levee bank created within portion [redacted] This has changed the old flood plain and created a new one that encroaches on other properties. I am able to produce this map.

**Exhibit: Parish of Selma, County of Dennison map displaying creeks and change of flood plain**

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- 7. Map 3 is the same Parish map as mentioned but I have marked in the levee's and dam constructed on portion's [redacted] and [redacted] that have created a 200 metre restriction of the flood plain with a neighbouring dam on portion [redacted] I am able to produce this map.

**Exhibit: Parish of Selma, County of Dennison map depicting levee and dam constructed on portion's [redacted] and 200 metre restriction of the flood plain.**

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8. Map 4 displays flood plain boundaries within the Emerald region. I am able to produce this map.

**Exhibit: Map depicting flood plain boundaries within the Emerald Region.**

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9. Photograph 1 depicts flood damage caused to the ground at the site of the 200 metre restriction, portion [redacted], as indicated in Map 3. I am able to produce this photograph.

**Exhibit: Photograph depicting flood damage at site of 200m restriction.**

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10. Photograph number 2 displays the Eastern Levee Bank on portion [redacted] and Ford creek in the foreground. The 200 metre restriction between the dam on portion [redacted] and the levee bank is also visible. I am able to produce this photograph.

**Exhibit: Photograph depicting Eastern Levee Bank on portion [redacted], Ford Creek and 200m restriction.**

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11. Photograph 3 is an aerial photograph depicting light floods in September 2010. It displays the levee wall on the western and eastern sides and the dam within portion's [redacted]. The levee has forced water onto portion [redacted]. I am able to produce this photograph.

**Exhibit: Photograph of light flooding in September 2010 depicting levee banks in portion's [redacted] causing diversion of the flood plain**

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12. Photograph number 4 displays flooding during the December 2010 flood within portion's [redacted] and surrounding properties. Flood has breached the levee banks and water is escaping into Ford Creek at the south of the dam. I am able to produce this photograph.

**Exhibit: Photograph depicting flooding in portion's [redacted] and surrounding properties during December 2010 flood.**

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13. Photograph number 5 depicts light flood in September 2010 and displays the natural flood plain prior to the development of levee's (bottom of picture). I am able to produce this photograph.

**Exhibit: Photograph depicting flood during September 2010 displaying natural flood plain and levees in portion [redacted] and [redacted]**

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14. Photograph number 6 depicts the 200 metre restriction at Retreat Creek in the December 2010 floods. It displays the old and new flood plain after the levees had broken. I am able to produce this photograph.

**Exhibit: Photograph depicting Retreat Creek restriction in December 2010 floods.**

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15. Photograph number 7 shows the 200 metre opening during the December 2010 floods. I am able to produce this photograph.

**Exhibit:** Photograph depicting 200 metre opening during the December 2010 floods.

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R.G.ANDERSON

**Justices Act 1886**

I acknowledge by virtue of section 110A(5)(c)(ii) of the Justices Act 1886 that:

- (1) This written statement by me dated 18/08/2011 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 4 is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
- (2) I make this statement knowing that, if it were admitted as evidence, I may be liable to prosecution for stating in it anything that I know is false.

.....Signature

Signed at Brisbane this 18th day of August 2011

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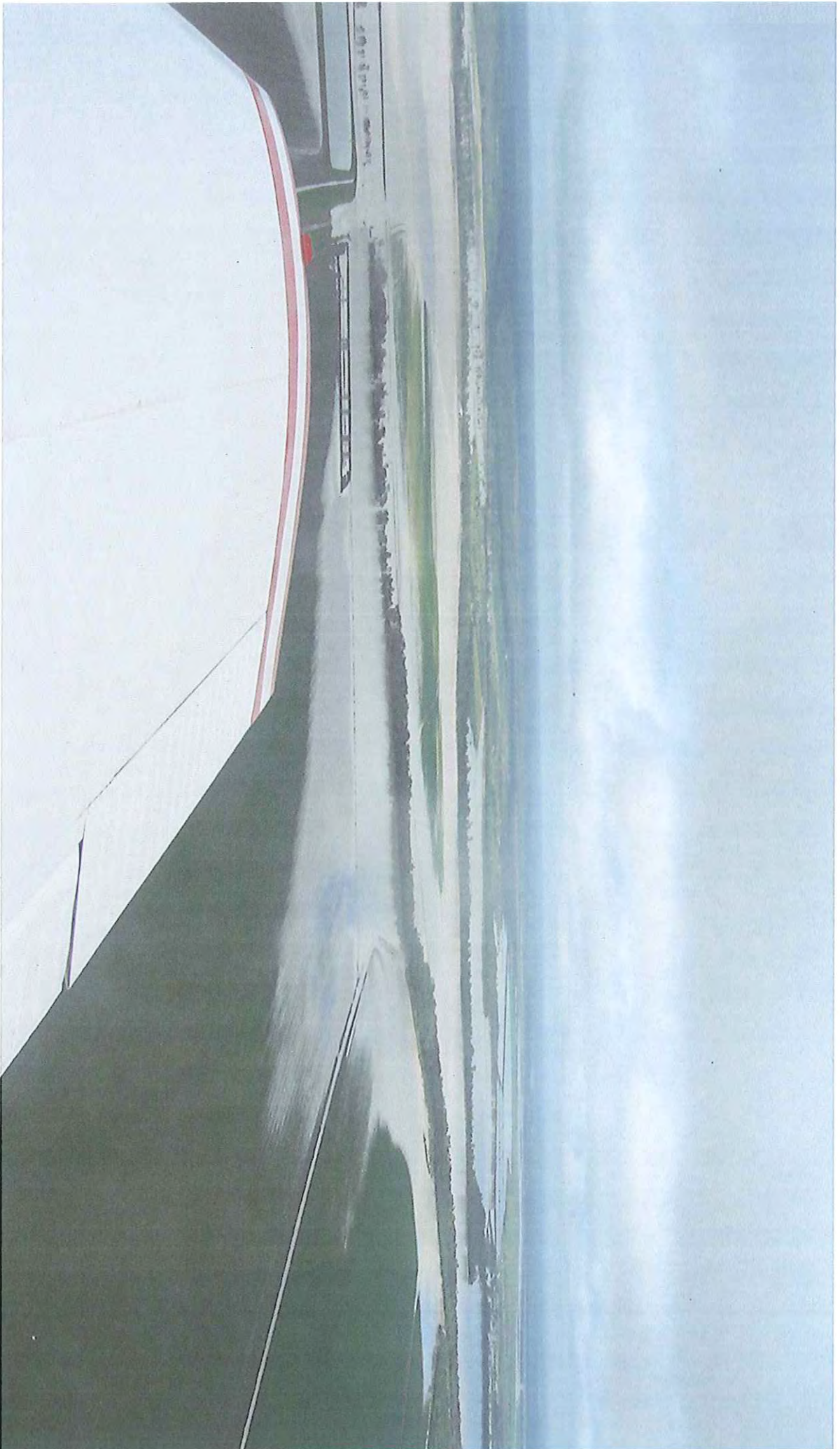
Robert ANDERSON – Photograph No. 5 – Depicts light flood in September 2010. Displays natural flood plain in lower part of the picture and levee bank running through the centre, cutting the natural flood plain.



Robert ANDERSON – Photograph No.6 – Retreat creek restriction in December 2010 depicting the old and new flood plain after the levees had broke (they have since been re-built higher).



Robert ANDERSON – Photograph Number 7 – December 2010 showing 200 metre opening (just above leading edge on wing tip)





Robert AN DERSON – Photograph No. 4 – Depicts same area as mentioned in photograph 3 but during December 2010 flood (opposite side). Also shows current of water escaping from retreat creek into drain and then into Ford creek south of the dam.



Robert AN DERSON - Photograph No. 3 - Depicts light flood in September 2010. Displays 8 m high western levee at top centre with dam to the left. Eastern levee bank (centre) forcing water onto to 157 and keeping flood plain high.



Sept '10



Robert ANDERSON – Photograph No. 2 – Looking across Ford Creek at the road opening and Eastern Levee Bank – across the 200m opening is a small dam on portion 158, on the left and just behind. Road opening has since been closed and filled to higher level of levee



Robert ANDERSON – Photograph No. 1 – *Flood damage from swirling water at 200 metre opening after water had subsided considerably.*

