

Name of Witness	Natalia Destiany ANG
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Address and contact details	[REDACTED] Mill Street, Goodna
Occupation	Office Administration
Officer taking statement	Detective Sergeant Stephen Platz
Date taken	22/09/2011

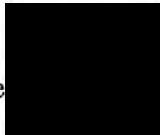
Natalia Destiany ANG states:

1. I am a [REDACTED] year old married female presently residing at unit [REDACTED] Mill Street, Goodna with my husband [REDACTED] and my [REDACTED] son. Our home is a low set two bedroom brick townhouse located within a complex of similar houses and was built in 1992. Adjacent to our complex is an open drain that runs towards the Ipswich motorway. Further down Mill Street across from the intersection of Bertha Street is Woogaroo Creek located within Leslie Park which runs next to the Ipswich motorway.
2. In early May 2009 my husband and I signed a contract for our current home. I originally saw it advertised on the internet through Mortgage choice. During the contract period I employed the services of a solicitor through Williamson and Associates to conduct the appropriate property searches. We signed the contract for the property with three clauses that related to finance, building inspection and body corporate fees. I did not have any clause that enabled me to exit the contract subject to flood checks.

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3. Later in May 2009, during the contract period, we experienced three days of heavy rain. I was concerned about the possibility of flooding at our new home and I decided to conduct a Google search on the internet. I typed in 'Queensland Floods' and I discovered information on flooding in 1974 in Brisbane. I actually viewed a picture of the Goodna area completely flooded in 1974. Unfortunately I could not exit the contract for the house relating to flood. I did not, however, receive any adverse comment from the solicitor concerning flooding. Subsequently the contract period expired and we purchased the house in June 2009.
  
4. On Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011 I was at my place of work when our boss suggested that staff who lived in the Ipswich area to go home due to the risk of flooding. I couldn't drive, as I was 7 months pregnant, so my husband came and picked me up. On the drive home I saw that Woogaroo Creek in Leslie Park was flooding and was only about one metre from Brisbane Street. I also saw that the drain adjacent to our house was full of water and was running extremely fast, flowing towards the Motorway.
  
5. At about 12.00pm we arrived home and I got onto the internet to check for reports of flooding in the Goodna area. My husband was not convinced that the place could flood. The media reports suggested flooding to the Ipswich area and I was becoming very concerned. I eventually convinced my husband to go for a drive and have a look at the nearby creeks and drains. We then left and drove up Mill Street towards the drain.
  
6. As we drove towards the drain I saw the water level had increased and was almost level with Mill Street. As the water had rose so quickly and from my previous experience in Indonesia with flooding, we decided to evacuate our home. We then returned home and grabbed a few clothes and documents.
  
7. At 1.00pm we left the house and drove down the hill on Mill Street. As we drove towards the intersection with Bertha Street I saw that the water was flooding the road. We drove through the flooded waters which came up to about half way on



the wheels of the car. We then drove to a friends place at Gailles and waited here for a time.

8. The flood water was rising from two directions, to the west of property at the drain and to the east at Woogaroo Creek. At this stage our complex was not flooding but due to the rate of the rising water we did not wish to wait any longer in case the road became blocked off and which would prevent our escape.
9. Sometime in the morning on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011 we drove via the Ipswich motorway to Goodna to see if we could get back to our house to salvage some of our property. We were eventually blocked off by the police who were evacuating people from the Goodna area. We could see from our position that all of Leslie Park was flooded and all the lower areas on Mill Street, including our complex, were a lake. The caravan park that is located next to Woogaroo Creek was totally inundated and I could only see the tops of caravans. We then returned to our friend's house.
10. About three days later we returned to our house after the floods had subsided. The flood had inundated the entire home including the roof. Basically the only salvageable thing was the frame of the house. All our walls, floors and contents were destroyed. I took photographs of the damage caused to our home. I am able to produce these photographs.

**Exhibit:**                    **Series of photographs depicting damage to 10/25 Mill Street, Goodna.**

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11. The flooding to our area came up so quick we had no time to evacuate most of our property. The creek seemed to be blocked by something and it was backing up very fast. If we hadn't made the decision to leave when we did, I believe we may not have been able to drive out of Mill Street, as the water was encroaching from both directions. I explained to the flood commission investigators the areas I have described and am able to produce photographs. [REDACTED]


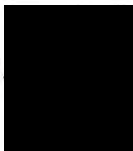
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**Exhibit:** Series of photographs depicting drain at Mill Street and  
Woogaroo Creek.

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12. Since the flood our rates have shown that our property valuation has gone down considerably. I think that we were not informed adequately about the dangers of flooding in our area at the time of purchase. I believe that the issue of flooding should be disclosed at the time of purchase by the real estate agent when advertising the property. I also do not think that the drain adjacent to our property is wide enough to handle the amount of water that came through this area. Since this time I have heard that this drain flows back into Woogaroo creek but I am not sure of this.



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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 22/9/11 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 5 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.....22<sup>nd</sup>..... day of...September.....2011

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