

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Date: 2 December 2011

Name of Witness: Annette Flower Fifoot

Address of Witness: [REDACTED] Smith Street, Gatton, Queensland

Occupation: Housewife

Position: N/A

Telephone: (Home) [REDACTED]

(Mobile) [REDACTED]

Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry Requirement to Provide Statement No. 1772789

I, Annette Flower Fifoot, of [REDACTED] Smith Street, Gatton, Queensland, member of Gatton Group, Lockyer Valley Unit of the State Emergency Service ("SES") state:

1. I have been a member of the SES since 2000.
2. At approximately 1440 hours on 10 January 2011, I received a phone call on my home landline from Gatton Group Leader, Mrs Dawn Carrillo. She asked if I were available to assist in door-knocking at Grantham, to warn residents of projected flooding later that evening.
3. The Attendance Log at Gatton Head Quarters for 10 January shows that I signed in at 1450 hours and signed out at 2250 hours. (I attach a copy of the log marked "AFF-1".)
4. Three of us left Gatton HQ in the First Response Vehicle, a Mazda truck, soon after my arrival. The team comprised Team Leader Shane Engle (driver), [REDACTED] and me. Group Leader Dawn Carrillo gave each of us a hand-written note outlining the message that the Disaster Management Team wanted us to convey. (I attach a copy of these instructions, marked "AFF-2".) These had been phoned to her by the Lockyer Valley Local Controller, Gary Dorr.

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5. We were to warn residents that Sandy Creek was expected to rise again rapidly that evening, and was expected to reach a higher level than that of the previous night. We were asked not to cause panic, but to suggest residents close their houses, turn off non-essential power and evacuate immediately as evacuation later that night would not be possible.
6. We stopped at No.1183 and No.1219 Gatton-Helidon Road, farm houses on the outskirts of Grantham, to warn the residents. We then continued towards Grantham. As we rounded the bend in the road and came onto the straight leading into the town, we could see extensive flooding in the paddocks and across the road ahead.
7. We came to a stop when we saw a green shipping container bobbing in the water less than 100 metres ahead, travelling from left to right across the Gatton-Helidon Road towards the small park on Anzac Avenue. Shane Engel radioed Gatton HQ with the information and we were instructed to abort the mission and return to Gatton.
8. On our return trip we stopped to warn sightseers standing about 50 metres on the Grantham side of the turn-off to Placid Hills (Old Toowoomba Road). We also gave warnings to residents at No. 956 and No. 946 Gatton-Helidon Road, both situated on the banks of Lockyer Creek, and at No. 893 and Tent Hill Produce on the opposite side of the highway. I do not have record of the time of our arrival back at Gatton HQ but it was probably about 1600 hours.
9. At Gatton HQ I then assisted with answering phones and filling sandbags until 1700 hours, when Roslie Pitt and I volunteered to help at the evacuation centre at the Gatton Shire Hall.

I make this statement of my own free will believing its contents to be true and correct.

Justices Act 1886


I acknowledge by virtue of Section 110A(6C)(c)(i)(ii) of the Justices Act 1886 that:


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

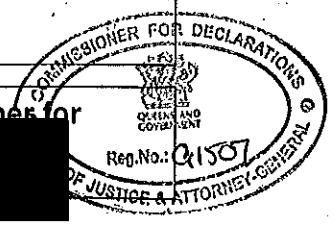
..... Signature

Signed at Gatton this 2nd day of December 2011

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Official Attendance Register

Unit/Group: GATTON

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TIME IN

ACTIVITY DETAILS

NAME

DATE

Official use only

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| SP | 8-1-11 | [REDACTED] | FLOOD 3047 SPAD 18 55 | | 22.5 | [REDACTED] |
| S/FB | 9-1-11 | SHANE | " | 1230 | 0430 | [REDACTED] |
| S/FB | 9-1-11 | DAWN | " | 1230 1700 | 0430 | [REDACTED] |
| S/FB | | [REDACTED] | | 19.10 | 22.40 | [REDACTED] |
| S | | [REDACTED] | | 19.10 | 22.40 | [REDACTED] |
| S | | Annette Fifoot | | 23.50 23.50 | 0427 | [REDACTED] |
| S | | Annette Fifoot | | 16.00 | 0430 | [REDACTED] |
| S | | GARY DOX | | | | [REDACTED] |
| EOC | 10/1/11 | Dawn | | 1130 | 22.50 | [REDACTED] |
| S | | SHANE | | 1130 | 22.30 | [REDACTED] |
| S | | [REDACTED] | | 1130 | 10.37 | [REDACTED] |
| EOC | | Annette | Phone call to Warn Genthorn @ 14.30 | 14.50 | 22.5 | [REDACTED] |
| EOC | | [REDACTED] | | 17.00 | 22.50 | [REDACTED] |
| S | | [REDACTED] | | 17.00 | 22.50 | [REDACTED] |
| | | [REDACTED] | | 0900 | 22.50 | [REDACTED] |

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Residents.

The Sandy Creek is expected to rise again rapidly this evening to a higher level than last night.

We suggest you close up your house , turn off all non essential power and evacuate your property now! You are welcome to go to the evacuation centre at the Gatton Shire Hall.

IF you elect to stay in your property, evacuation later tonight will not be possible. Treat.