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<i>Date of Birth</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>Address and contact details</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>Occupation</i>	Managing Director
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Sergeant Glen CATCHPOLE
<i>Date taken</i>	28/04/2011

I, Anthony William MOTSON states;

1. I am [REDACTED] years of age and reside at [REDACTED] Tanah Merah.
2. Our family business Motson's Automotive & Suspension Service which specializes in quality motor vehicle service and repairs has been in existence since 1967. It is located basically at the corner of Beaudesert and Granard Road, Coopers Plains. We employ six people.
3. We were unable to make any plans prior to the floods due to no advice or concerning information being forthcoming. We did however from last August 2010 when the wet weather was predicted by the experts monitor and printout the council and government flood map from our area which showed the flood map level would reach only the Beaudesert & Granard Road, Coopers Plains intersection in the event of a 1974 type flood. Given our position in relation to the intersection we did not consider we had a problem.

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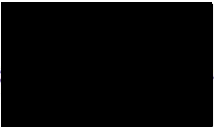
4. We received absolutely no assistance or warning from any authority or department and in fact we were extremely annoyed to find the council had gone door to door in the area of Hampshire Street and surrounds behind us to warn businesses to evacuate. We would have thought police or SES vehicles with a P.A. system could have travelled Beaudesert Road and surrounds to warn us all.
5. We experienced 1.25 metres of water, oil and slime in our property and due to the lack of warning like so many others we lost quality furniture and fittings along with considerable stock, we basically only had time to remove and find storage for our valuable workshop equipment most of which had to be loaded by crane and forklift.
6. We lost power and telephone from January 12th to January 24th in spite of us contacting Energex everyday including weekends. Energex admitted they forgot to reconnect us before leaving the area but refused to come back.
7. The end result was we lost a fortnight trading which we are unable to recoup due to the fact like so many others. NRMA Insurance has denied our insurance claim. We did not receive any assistance from any Agency other than a representative of Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority to explain the grants and finance scheme being offered.

8. In relation to timeliness of assistance adequacy we felt Energex service to us was appalling as was the lack of warning a disgrace, given we checked the internet on Tuesday 11th at 5pm to find the level was still as predicted for sometime as mentioned previously, given the absence of any other warning we felt safe. That was until we arrived here on Wednesday morning to find the intersection with approximately 1 metre of water in it and rising fast.

9. In future we would suggest a far more timely and reliable warning system particularly on the internet and possible vehicles with P.A system warning of possible flooding. In particular we would expect the management of the Wivenhoe dam to be closely scrutinized by suitably qualified independent authority in relation to releasing water much earlier given the early warning of wet weather we were all privy too.

10. We are particularly concerned about the management of the dam given it has been our clear understanding for many years the dams storage level in the wet season is suppose to be 60% full and was reduced to 75% after the floods when it was all to late.

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11. Obviously we have considerable damage to our property which again NRMA Insurance doesn't appear to want to know about it. It is very obvious there needs to be a very clear definition of what is a flood set up by the State and Federal Governments so that Insurance companies have to honour by mandate.

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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 28/4/11 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.

.....[Redacted].....Signature

Signed at [Redacted] this *28*day of *April*.....2011....

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