

## **Note**

This statement has been redacted to remove certain personal information and information that is not relevant to the land planning terms of reference.

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| <i>Name of Witness</i>             | Juleia Nicole MURRAY                         |
| <i>Date of Birth</i>               | [REDACTED]                                   |
| <i>Address and contact details</i> | [REDACTED] Burpengary QLD 4505<br>[REDACTED] |
| <i>Occupation</i>                  | Access Consultant                            |
| <i>Officer taking statement</i>    | Det/Sgt A VLISMAS                            |
| <i>Date taken</i>                  | 23 September 2011                            |

**Juleia Nicole MURRAY states:-**

1. I reside at [REDACTED] Burpengary with my partner. The property is listed as Lot [REDACTED] in the Parish of Burpengary, size 1419sqm. It is zoned Residential A and is managed by the Moreton Bay Regional Council. The house is approximately 35 years old.
2. It is 2 storey brick and tin roof, the bottom of the house is garage, rumpus, storage, and laundry and toilet area. The upstairs area is all the living area of the home.
3. There are no industrial areas in the immediate area however there are a number of child care centres in close proximity.
4. When we purchased our property we assumed we may be at risk of flooding as Burpengary Creek was at the rear of the property however when we requested our Solicitor Paul PATTISON to carry out flood and property searches prior to purchasing, we were advised that the council had no records of flooding in the area.

5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

7. On the 11th January 2011 at approximately 7:00am, I left home to catch a train to work at Spring Hill. At 9.00am I received a text message from my neighbour saying the street was flooding. Because my father lived only 15 minutes away from

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our house, I contacted him, but he was prevented from accessing our house and property by rising flood waters.

8. At 11.35am I received a text message from authorities warning of severe flooding in the Burpengary area. I had already left work, but due to train delays I did not arrive at Burpengary until 1.00pm.

9. By this time the whole of our street was under water and I could only watch from afar. I received text messages from our neighbours who were trapped in their house. By 6.00pm my father and I were able to wade in fast flowing knee deep water to our house.

10. By that time most of the water had receded away from the house but the street was still in flood.

11. The flood water had entered the bottom of our home to a depth of approximately 1.2 metres up the walls. The flood water had entered the property from all directions as Burpengary Creek wraps around our street.

12. The double brick fence at the front of the property was knocked over; the six foot timber side fence that had been replaced only six months previous due to flood damage was again knocked down.

13. All the items under our house that we had not been able to move had been piled in a corner by the force of the fast flowing water. Our pool table had been flipped over.

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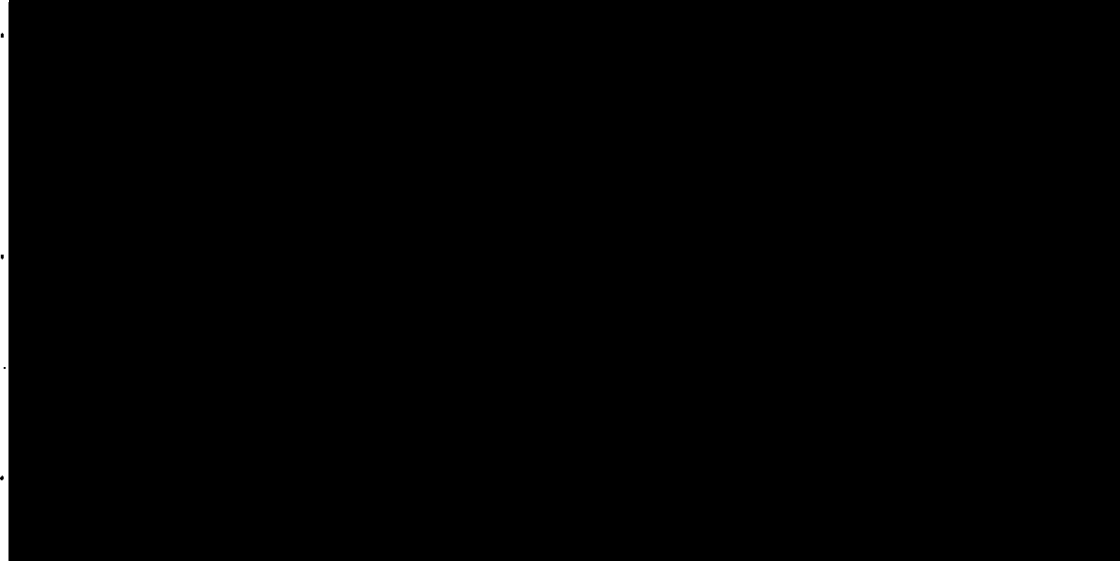
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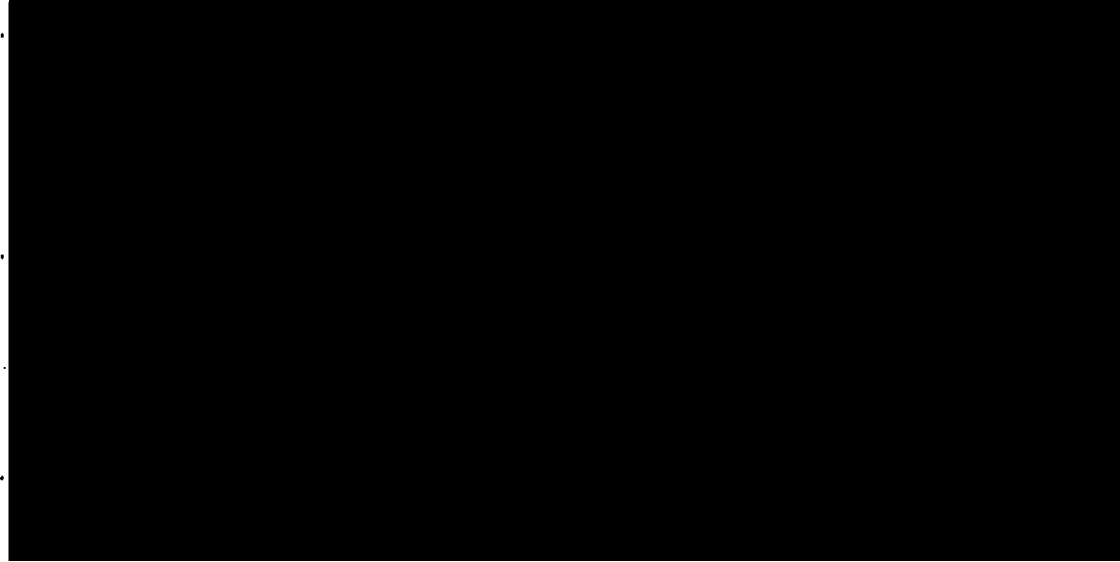
the fridge had been knocked over and the laundry tub had been wrenched from the wall.

14. Many other items were covered in mud, or strewn across the lawn, and we later discovered that a number of items had been washed away. As we live at the end of a cul-de-sac street there is basically only one way in and out. The waters had risen so quickly and flooded the street effectively cutting off evacuation routes for some residents.

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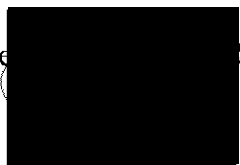
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I am able to produce a series of photographs of the damage caused by the flood.

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- 19. The area was originally managed by the Caboolture Shire Council and after amalgamation the Moreton Bay Regional Council took over.
  
- 20. The water from the flooding of our property came from the Burpengary Creek. The water entered our property from the rear and the street. Burpengary Creek defines the rear property boundary, but wraps around the end of [REDACTED] which resulted in flooding from both directions.
  
- 21. Our property has flooded four times, April 2009, May 2009, October 2010, and January 2011 since we have lived at this property. On each occasion the water has entered our property from the rear and from [REDACTED].
  
- 22. There has been significant development both up stream and down stream of our property and I believe that has contributed to the overland flow and the ability of Burpengary Creek to cater for this excess overland water flow during sustained periods of rain.
  
- 23. Street meetings have been held between residents and Moreton Bay Regional Council following the January 2011 flood. After the meeting I got the impression from the council that virtually nothing has been done to rectify the situation or stop it from occurring again.
  
- 24. The council advised us that they had had experts prepare reports regarding various flood mitigation options however all were economically unviable and would not be carried out.
  
- 25. Due to the frequency of floods and the threat of future flooding I feel that my property and the rest of [REDACTED] Burpengary should not have been zoned and approved for residential development.
  
- 26. I have also submitted a questionnaire to the Flood Commission of Inquiry Queensland regarding these issues.

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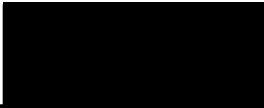


J/N MURRAY.

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 23/9/2011 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.

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 September.....2011  .....Signed at ....Brisbane....this.....23rd

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