

I noticed the extreme flooding from Oxley Ck and in the area of Rocklea other southside suburbs and the hundreds of Millions of damage there.

This was just caused by the Brisbane river backing up into Oxley Ck. If a levee bank and a loc type gate was at the mouth of Oxley Ck, (and others) it would have prevented the water backing up into Oxley Ck and prevented this flooding as there was no rain in Oxley catchment and if a loc type gate was built there could have been pumps pumping the water out over the loc gate into the higher Brisbane river.

It seemed that only the backing up water in Oxley creek and a couple of others, caused the flooding on the southside.

A gate, like the ones used in Europe, would be open during normal times and closed if the Wivenhoe dam gates need to be opened to drop the dam water level. Having a loc type gate there and on creeks running off the Brisbane river like Breakfast Ck would save most of the low lying areas any minor flooding and may even save it from major flooding like we just saw.

Also this would be a very cheap solution if it can work and would / could save hundreds and Hundreds of millions in Flood Damage.

My Daughter in law lost all her belongings and her home went under water at a higher level than in 1974 and she is in Marshall Rd Rocklea. Her Home started to go under on the first day of the flood, yet there was no water in creeks flowing into Oxley Ck to raise it that quickly.

Also I think that the Brisbane Markets need to be moved to be built over the Acacia Ridge Rail yards. This will make sure the safe supply of food to the Brisbane and greater Brisbane area and ensure that farmers have multiple ways to get food to the markets. At the moment all access to the rocklea markets can be interrupted by a simple rain storm.

The Acacia Ridge Rail yards are the Interstate rail yards and all roads going to it are built to take trucks, and has container handling facilities as well as this it is close to all major truck companies and wholesale wood warehouses, like Woolworths IGA and Coles.

Acacia ridge is flood free and also has direct access to Archerfield Airport.

Food supply to Brisbane has to be secure, at present it is not.

Regards

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