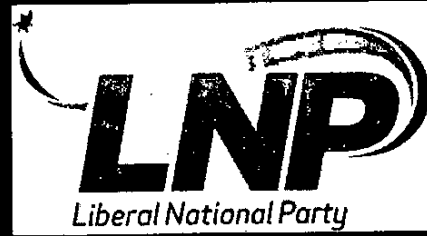


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- Have you ever been advised of a flood management plan?

Not before 11-01-2011

- Have you ever been asked to be on or involved with a Floodplain Advisory Committee?

No.

- What do you feel could have been done to make your area safer:-
- Before the flood cleaning of water ways and continued up keep of same.
- During the flood Those doing the job of evacuation did well but it was very difficult on the elderly - Maybe a better plan in this area
- After the flood All houses should be checked by trades persons as soon as possible for any hidden defects or conditions that may arise.

Other Questions or Statements. There seems to be no forward planning in an area known for flooding!
 I feel that a good drainage system under the rail line (eg. pipes) in Forest Hill would have done a certain amount in allowing a flow of water from the townships businesses and not caused so much damage there.

- Ensure the questionnaire is filled out.
- Complete cover sheet for submission.
- Return this form with your submission.

Name: Diane Schloss

Signature...

Important—Please—sign xxxxxxxx

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- Do we need an early warning system for floods?

Yes -

- Have you ever been involved in a local meeting about flood early warning system?

No.

- Would an early warning system work?

Considering what the Valley has just experienced & what that system was, I think it would

- Had you been advised by Council, or State Government, the highest flood levels in your area?

Only by local residents - the information not always the same.

- Had you ever received evacuation information for flood / landslides / fires?

Not until 11-01-2011 when we had an evacuation order by phone. This came 2 1/2 hours (approx) after we had left the property. - If we had waited for that information we would not

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have been able to get out under our own

In May of this year of 2011 I will have been a resident of the Lockyer Valley region for 5 years.

My move here was mostly for health reasons and this has served me well. Unfortunately like many others the area now holds mostly sorrow and now also more health issues. I say these things because they have all to do with the 11th January 2011 flooding of the Valley.

Since moving here I could never understand why the waterways were so overgrown and clogged with all sorts of matter - these should always be kept clean and free of fallen trees etc for easy flow of water and help keep flood waters safer by not carrying so much matter with them which in turn destroys bridges and roads.

During the flooding in the weeks before the big event we as a household watched water levels and saw for ourselves the extent of the water in our area. On the morning of the 11th we realised that this was bigger than what we had previously experienced but there was no phone warning for evacuation. We rang our landlord who advised that it would be good to go to the town hall in case of severe flooding. We did this and were evacuated by the airforce to Gatton. On returning home I checked our phone messages and found that at 11.21am we had been issued an evacuation warning - we had left the house at around 9.00am and had just been able to get into the township of Forest Hill. The warnings were too late.

The water did not rise enough to get into the house that we rent but rushed in underneath the house and was stopped by the brick walls that go to the ground. (brick veneer house on stumps with one trapdoor at back of house) Since coming home from the evacuation centre and over the subsequent weeks we have now got rising damp - mould in the carpets - and health issues such as asthma - headaches - general breathing problems - ear infections - sore throats. I think that all homes that have any water either in, around, or under should be thoroughly checked before the residents move back in. The clean up efforts in our area were great but not all persons had the help.

Maybe some levee banks in some areas would save some properties and farms
some of
the recent grief.

This is an area that floods quickly and often but nothing has been learned.