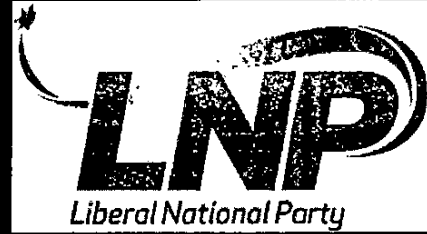


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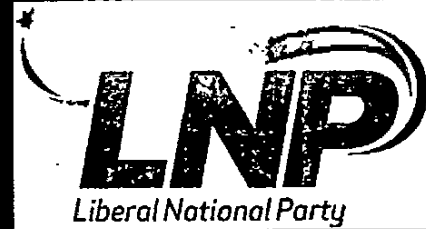


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- Do we need an early warning system for floods?
 Depends on the area concerned & whether there is flood management infrastructure in place.
 ... An inefficient flood warning system is not acceptable. ...
- Have you ever been involved in a local meeting about flood early warning system?
 No
- Would an early warning system work?
 Depends on the efficiency & implementation of the system.
- Had you been advised by Council, or State Government, the highest flood levels in your area?
 No
- Had you ever received evacuation information for flood / landslides / fires?
 No

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

No

- 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 → Regular clean out of debris & overgrowth in creeks
 ↳ Consultation with the local residents/property owners in regard to topography, land managements issues, etc.
- During the flood ↳ INFORMATION provision to residents directly affected by flood/disaster.
- After the flood → Immediate implementation of a National/State Disaster Recovery Team.
 ↳ Provision of information to residents directly affected by flood/disaster.
 ↳ CONSULTATION with residents directly affected by flood/disaster.

- Other Questions or Statements.

1. Why have the "greenies" & Dept. of Environment & Resource Management been given the "power" to stop regular clean out of creeks, etc., and then not accountable for the consequences of such? (If creeks had been "cleaned", possible that Grantham disaster may not have been as catastrophic.)
2. Is there an investigation into why Wagners Industries (Grantham) were permitted to erect levee banks on Lockyer Creek, near where Lockyer Creek "broke" its banks & became catalyst of Grantham disaster? If not, why not? (Wagners levee banks possibly changed the natural course of Lockyer Creek.)
3. In the aftermath of Grantham disaster, why have the Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC) been permitted to REMOVE THE BANKS OF SANDY CREEK AND BANKS OF LOCKYER CREEK (L.28 on edge of our property) without consultation with property owners in the vicinity, & consequently creating further problems associated with future flooding & soil erosion, etc.

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Ensure the questionnaire is filled out.

Name: [REDACTED]

Complete cover sheet for submission.

Signature... 11/03/2011

Return this form with your submission.

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(Other Questions or Statements continued)

4. Given communication standards today – why was information withheld from residents directly affected by (Grantham) disaster for five days or more?

Why wasn't a Liaison Officer appointed immediately to give correct information to those residents directly affected?

Why wasn't there direct consultation with the residents affected by the disaster? (Local residents have a wealth of knowledge to offer on many topics, including topography, land management, flooding, soil erosion, local area knowledge, etc.)

5. Why isn't there a State (or National) Disaster Recovery Committee in place (e.g. as in Tasmania)?

6. Why isn't there a dam at the upper reaches of Lockyer Creek to assist with flood management in areas of the Lockyer Valley?

7. Why wasn't "compassion and commonsense" (as stated by Maj. Gen. Mick Slater) used with residents in Grantham area who were not permitted, under any circumstances, to return to their homes for nine days?

(Distressed pets and other animals were left unattended for days. Some Grantham homes that were still standing had fridge & freezer contents that caused unnecessary further contamination & associated damage – due to not being permitted to return (even under escort) for a short time period.)

8. Why are the business owners/property owners affected by the disaster being discriminated against by the non-availability of financial assistance from the Premier's Flood Relief funds?

Statement:

From our experiences in the aftermath of the Grantham disaster, we believe that it is beyond the capacity and efficiency standards of our present local government (Lockyer Valley Regional Council) to attend to recovery measures. Hence we recommend the implementation of a State Disaster Recovery Team.

Our expectation would be that this State Disaster Recovery entity would use compassion and commonsense, and would consult with and work directly with residents affected by the disaster. Such direct consultation with the people affected by disaster ensures people's concerns are being heard and hopefully acted upon – it also assists in instilling hope, goals for the future, and restoring some confidence in authorities.

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11/03/2011