

Residents Letter Re Concerns & Fears for Current Situation

Name: - JOHN (BOB) HOLDER & MARGARET "HAZEL" HOLDER

Address: - [REDACTED] MURPHYS CREEK

Situation (relative to waterway): -

CREEK IS FRONT AND 1 SIDE BOUNDARIES

Personal Impact: -

LOST POWER FOR 8 DAYS.

" ACCESS FOR APPROX. 2 WEEKS

" PHONE FOR APPROX. 3-4 WEEKS
AND MOBILE IS TENUOUS.

Main Property Impact: - OUR ACCESS CROSSING -ROAD WASHED AWAY.

PUMP WAS KNOCKED INTO FLOODWATERS BY TREES WASHED BY.

QUANTITY OF FENCING WASHED AWAY

CREEK CHANGED COURSE AND MADE ITS OWN NEW BED SEVERAL

METRES AWAY FROM ORIGINAL AND NOW MANY SMALL STREAMS.

FULL OF DEEP SILT/SAND WHICH IS DIFFICULT TO WORK ON.

What has been done: -

CROSSING HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY REPAIRED.

HEAPS OF DEBRIS E.G. TREES, CONTAINERS, PLASTIC ETC. CAUGHT

UP AGAINST SURVIVING TREES. WE ARE UNABLE TO CLEAR

WITHOUT HEAVY MACHINERY. A LADY FROM COUNCIL SAID IT

WAS THE WORST BLOCK OF SUCH DEBRIS SHE HAD SEEN. IT

IS NOT VERY VISIBLE FROM THE MAIN HIGHWAY.

What now needs to happen: -

CREEK DEBRIS NEEDS CLEARING BEFORE ANOTHER FLOOD

AS OTHERWISE IT IS A WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY

REPAIRING BRIDGES/CROSSINGS. WE ARE AWARE OF THE

LAND ACT OF RECENT YEARS THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE

FOR CLEARING OF CREEK DEBRIS BUT SUCH IS THE SCALE

OF SAME AFTER THESE FLOODS WE DO NOT HAVE THE

PHYSICAL OR FINANCIAL CAPACITY TO DO SO - IT WILL NEED

TREE-LIFTING MACHINERY AND LOTS OF MAN-POWER.

Signature: - [REDACTED]