

Can the enquiry please investigate the reason why such quantities of silt were deposited as a result of the Brisbane floods? This silt has been significant in causing damage to housing, commercial premises and general furnishings. Even though the flood subsided over a month ago the Brisbane River is still carrying heavy silt loads.

It was particularly noticeable that the floods in Victoria which happened subsequent to the Brisbane floods had much cleaner water and my personal experience of floods in other places is that cleaner water is much easier to deal with than the very dirty water associated with the Brisbane floods. I appreciate that the types of flooding are different and do depend on the topography, land uses and flood flow velocity.

However if steps can be taken to reduce the silt load then I feel sure that the damage that will come with subsequent floods will be, to some extent, reduced.

Anecdotal comments say that the Brisbane River water was clean in the early part of the 20th century.

Thank you for letting me know.

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