

I have lived in Brisbane since January 1998.

One my first weekend here I was taken out for the day to one of the dams.

While we were there it was explained to my why the dams were built after the 1974 flood.

I was told it was to prevent it ever happening again.

Over the last 3 or 4 years we have been affected by drought in Qld and the dams were getting lots of publicity about how low they were.

Towards the end of 2010 we had masses of rain which quickly replenished the dams to over the required water levels.

As we know the rain carried on and the dams get fuller. Alarm bells should be ringing now.

Someone made a decision to keep all that water in case of another drought.

Still the rains came and the dams got fuller, I am thinking 'why is that excess water not being released into the river to coincide with the tides'.

All through Christmas the rain persisted in The Greater Brisbane area and the dams got to near capacity and still no positive and preventative action was taken.

January, water is being released from the dams as they are over full.

Suddenly a huge storm hits Toowoomba and it's panic time. There is too much water heading towards Ipswich and Brisbane and the dams are at capacity and we are now having to let out the water that should have been released many weeks ago.

We all know the rest of the story.

I think those responsible for the dam management should be held accountable for this enormous error of judgement.

I cannot believe those responsible still have their jobs.

If I acted as irresponsible as that in my job I would expect to be dismissed instantly.