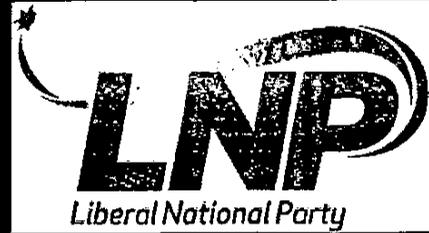


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- Do we need an early warning system for floods?

YES

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

NO

- Would an early warning system work?

YES

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

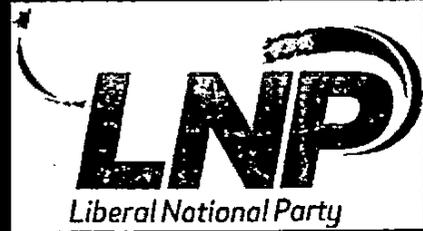
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- Had you ever received evacuation information for flood / landslides / fires?

YES FOR FIRE NEAR TABLE TOP ESTATE

Please turn over.

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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 MONITOR CREEK LEVELS
- During the flood ADVISE LOCALS RE CREEK HEIGHTS
- After the flood CHECK ON RESIDENTS  
CHECK ROADS, BRIDGES ETC

- Other Questions or Statements.

ENSURE ALL STORM WATER DRAINS ARE CLEAR AND FLOOD WATER FROM ROADS DOES NOT ENTER PROPERTY. TABLE TOP ESTATE HAS STORM WATER GRILLS IN PLACE BUT WATER DOES NOT ENTER THEM AS DRAINS ARE SILENT UP. WATER THEN RUNS DOWN BONDS IN VARIOUS PROPERTIES - SOME FLOODING FROM NEIGHBOURS AND TO NEIGHBOURS.

Ensure the questionnaire is filled out.

Name: KEN MCKEOWN

Complete cover sheet for submission.

Signature

Return this form with your submission.

Important

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THE LATEST NEWS FROM IAN RICKUSS MP, YOUR STATE MEMBER FOR THE LOCKYER

*An extract from Ian Rickuss hansard speech 15 February, 2011*

### HANSARD – TUESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2011 - MOTION - Natural Disasters

What a sad, frightening and horrific summer we have just had in Australia, in Queensland and in my electorate of Lockyer. From November 2010 until February 2011 there was the flooding in Central Queensland and southern Queensland and the monster Cyclone Yasi. Has there ever been a time when, for several months, so many people have looked at the Bureau of Meteorology website and said, 'Is this really happening?'

The Lockyer Valley sits at the bottom of the Great Dividing Range, about 600 metres below Toowoomba. We saw the devastation of the six to eight to 10 inches of rain in Toowoomba, where the water probably fell about 50 metres from the escarpment to the lowest point of Toowoomba. Now imagine multiplying that by 10. Instead of falling 50 metres with grades of, say, 20 per cent or 25 per cent, the water rushed down the Toowoomba escarpment, falling 500 metres with grades of between 40 per cent and 75 per cent. The water was going so fast that it virtually went straight ahead, jumped creek banks and gullies, flattened fences, washed cars away, picked up pieces of bitumen like they were corn chips and left them in paddocks, shifted bridges, cracked a large concrete rail bridge, shifted millions of tonnes of soil and destroyed homes. I will table a few pictures of water just pouring down the Toowoomba range like it is a river.

The sad part is that the flow of water was so great that, in its rush to get off the mountain near Toowoomba and further south, it did not know where to go, so the water flow made its own course and it went straight ahead—straight through people's homes, destroying all in its path. Sadly, it took the lives of over 20 people in the Lockyer and there are still some members of our community missing. The water hit houses at Postmans Ridge and Murphys Creek. Unfortunately, the people in some of those houses did not have a chance. Brick houses were left with not a brick left on the slab. There was not a brick left on the slab of some of those houses. Another house was all gone. The only thing left standing, which amazed me and amazed the Premier as well, was the pool fence. Wooden houses at Murphys Creek were smashed to pieces. At Helidon Dip Road, houses were just pulverised. At James Norman Hedges Park, Helidon, the proverbial brick outhouse was totally gone. The pump shed, built with reinforced besser blocks to withstand raging water, was smashed. The water seemed to be picking up volume and speed as it rushed along its path of destruction.

The next village in its way was Grantham. Grantham had several water rises the previous week and only on Sunday, 9 January did water end up in the village from a moderate stream rise. So when the inland tsunami of water did hit the area, it had no streams or creeks to rest in and the raging water just kept tearing across the land.

Let us face it: it is great to be an Australian and I am very proud to be a Queenslander. I remain humble and in awe of the people of the Lockyer and surrounding areas. Their resilience, their courage, their composure, their generosity and their compassion are to be admired.