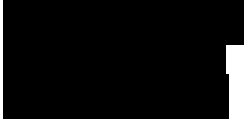


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Queensland Flood Commission of Inquiry

I would like to make the following submission to this inquiry:

When Australia was first settled people built their homes close to the water due to the fact that water had to be carried or carted to their homes, however in today's modern Australia we have dams and pipes which direct water to peoples homes.

The flood plains of this country should be left for recreation and food production and all buildings that have been allowed to be built in these flood plains should be relocated to available vacant land, as close as possible to avoid too much disruption to the occupants. If the vacant land is already in use as recreation area, i.e. parks, gardens etc then these parks gardens etc are moved to the flood plain.

The initial cost will be high but in the long run it will be much cheaper for all levels of government.

This also should be the case in bushfire prone areas, keep people from building in these areas which will reduce the amount of human losses be it life or property and the heartache that comes with it.

Yours truly,

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