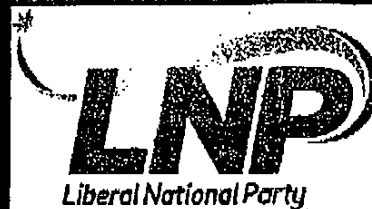


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- Do we need an early warning system for floods? - **YES**

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

NO

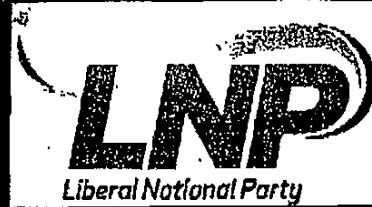
- Would an early warning system work? **DEPENDS ON THE ELEMENTS OF THE SYSTEM. ACTUAL SIRENS ETC. WOULD HAVE TO BE HEARD IN ALL RELEVANT AREAS AND PEOPLE WOULD NEED TO KNOW WHAT IT MEANT. ADVANCE NOTICE OF EXTREME EVENTS AND REASONABLE PREDICTION OF CONSEQUENCES, WOULD BE USEFUL IF PUBLISHED WELL IN ADVANCE AND SOON ENOUGH.**

- Had you been advised by Council, or State Government, the highest flood levels in your area? **NO - IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THIS INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE ON A BASIC PRE-PURCHASE COUNCIL SEARCH AT A FEE PEOPLE WOULD PAY ROUTINELY**

- Had you ever received evacuation information for flood / landslides / fires? **NO**
- PRE ADVICE OF PROCEDURES AND WHO WOULD IMPLEMENT THEM WOULD BE USEFUL. - NOW WE KNOW WHAT IS POSSIBLE WE HAVE TO BE BETTER PREPARED NEXT TIME.

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 *INFORMATION ON WHAT WAS LIKELY TO OCCUR AND OPTIONS TO DEAL WITH IT.*
- During the flood *- NOTHING - IT WAS TOO LATE*
- After the flood *CO-ORDINATION OF THE RECOVERY, PARTICULARLY OF VOLUNTEERS*
- Other Questions or Statements.

THE RURAL FIRE BRIGADES IN WITCHCOTT - FOURTHS CREEK WERE THE ONLY "OFFICIAL" BODIES " ON THE GROUND" FOR THE FIRST THREE DAYS - THEY WERE THE ONLY BASIS OF USEFUL COMMUNICATION. THEY WERE INITIALLY UNCLEAR ON AUTHORITY. IT SHOULD BE FORMALISED AND THEIR CAPACITY ENHANCED.

- Ensure the questionnaire is filled out.
- Complete cover sheet for submission.
- Return this form with your submission.

Name: *M.A. K. G. FLEHR*

Signature.....

Important ~~Please Sign~~ *PLEASE SIGN*

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From: Katrina Flehr [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 March 2011 1:37 PM
To: Lockyer Electorate Office
Subject: Flood Inquiry Submission
Attachments: 0332_0001.pdf

Dear Ian

Katrina and I very much likewise enjoyed your company last Sunday night. I appreciate you sending through the form of submission and I attach the three pages of my reply.

My essential points are:-

- Better advance notice of likely extreme weather events and possible consequences (enough information soon enough and published well enough). I accept this was difficult in respect of the January 10 event but the point was demonstrated in the difference between the Lockyer Valley flash flood event and the situation with the Brisbane flood and Cyclone Yasi where there was significant notice and time to prepare and in consequence no loss of life.
- Flood level information being disclosed on a standard Local Council pre purchase Conveyancing search at a reasonable fee so that people can at least know what is possible in respect of the site they are looking at buying.
- Greater specific authority and capacity for local rural fire brigades which, by their nature, are already in the community and "on the ground" and at small expense could be trained in relation to flood warning and evacuation procedures. The failure to fund these organisations adequately is a blight on government.

Hope this is useful.

Warmest Regards
Kym Flehr

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9/03/2011