

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Douglas Clyde BOUGOURE
<i>Date of Birth</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>Address and contact details</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>Occupation</i>	Tara Community Services Manager, Western Downs Regional Council
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Senior Sergeant Mark Reid
<i>Date taken</i>	31 March 2011

Douglas Clyde BOUGOURE states:

1. I have lived in Tara all of my life, and I have been employed by the council for 29 years. My current role is the Community Services Manager Tara, Western Downs Regional Council.

2. Part of my role within the Western Downs Regional Council is the Co-ordinator for the Tara District. I am also the Chairman of the Local Emergency Co-ordination Committee (LECC) which manages disaster planning within the district. The LECC will manage local disasters in the District, but if the needs become to great, the incident is taken over by the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) at Dalby.

3. The LECC is made up of the WDRC, Police, State Emergency Service, Queensland Ambulance Service, Department of Health, Ergon Energy, Department of Communities, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service and EMQ. The group meets every six months to discuss the Disaster Management Plan for the District. During the recent floods in December 2010 and January 2011 members of the Police, SES and WDRC was meeting once each day to discuss the issues effecting the management of the district during the flood. The outcomes of the meetings were posted on a notice board at the SES and LDMG notified.

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4. The flood event started on Boxing Day 26 December 2010 and finished around the 2-3 January 2011. During this period the town was isolated. There was no major inundation of the town, but it was cut off for many days. Stores in the town were well stocked due to the holiday season making the management of the incident easier. Only a few houses in town received flood damage. Most of the damage to houses occurred in the surrounding farming community. There were no life threatening evacuations within the district.

5. The second flooding of the District occurred in the 2nd week of January 2011. There were no real issues in the management of either of the flood events. The biggest issue was the replenishment of stores for the town such as food staples of milk and bread.

Warning

6. There are no major river systems that surround the Tara Township. Tara is quite close to the headwaters of Undulla Creek. Flooding usually occurs when the creek reaches a height of .8 metres at the weir, which causes flooding downstream from the town. For this reason we have not installed flood warning system to monitor the Undulla Creek for flood.

7. The Moonie River also effects the Flinton Township within our District.

8. The works co-ordinator monitors the creek levels within the District, and the SES also play a part in the monitoring of the creeks.

Response

9. I have no issues in this area.

Recovery

10. I have no issues in this area.

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Issues

11. One of the issues that I do have with the management of this incident, is that the LDMG at Dalby should be given a greater ability to approve expenditure within the District. This was highlighted when we had arranged for a re-supply of the food staples through DDMG, we were directed to obtain three quotes for the hiring of a light plane to transport the goods. This became difficult as there were not three charter plane companies to choose from at that time.

12. We had also organised for the re-supply of milk to the town. The milk sat on the tarmac for 8 hours in Toowoomba due to clearance issues with DDMG. I think that the District would be better served with decisions being made at a local level, providing good sense and discretion is used in the expenditure of funds.

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