

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE QUEENSLAND FLOODS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY 2011**

**A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY UNDER THE
COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ACT 1950**

**AND PURSUANT TO THE
COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ORDER (No. 1) 2011**

STATEMENT OF DAVID JAMES POKARIER

On the 26th day of January 2012, I, **David James Pokarier**, of C/- 240 Margaret Street, Brisbane, state on oath:

1. I am currently employed by Queensland Bulk Water Supply Authority ("Seqwater") as a Flood Officer.
2. This statement is provided to the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry pursuant to a "Requirement to Provide Statement" issued by the Commission dated 25 January 2012 (the *Requirement*). The statements I make below are my best recollections of the significant matters referred to in the Requirement which I have been able to prepare in the short time since I received the Requirement.

Qualifications and Experience

3. I hold a Bachelor of Engineering (Environmental), University of Southern Queensland (2005).
4. I have been registered as a:
 - (a) Chartered Professional Engineer (Civil) since December 2011; and
 - (b) Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (Civil) since January 2012.
5. My employment history may be summarised as follows:
 - (a) Since May 2011 I have been employed in my current role at Seqwater as a Engineer/Hydrologist. My role has involved:
 - (i) undertaking technical investigations related to flood hydrology, flood hydraulics and dam operations.

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- (ii) updating the flood forecasting system including the hydrologic and hydraulic models and software of the Flood Operations Centre.
 - (iii) providing technical support on the occasions when the Flood Operations Centre is mobilised.
 - (iv) training and working as a Flood Operations Engineer in the Flood Operations Centre.
- (b) From around mid-2006 to April 2011 I was employed by SunWater Limited:
- (i) from around December 2008 to April 2011 as a senior engineer in the Flood Hydrology Team;
 - (ii) from around mid-2007 to December 2008 as an engineer in the Yield Hydrology team;
 - (iii) from around mid-2006 to around mid-2007 as an engineer hydrologist.
- (c) From 2004 to around mid-2006 I was employed by Abigroup as a site engineer.

Dates present during the period from 6 January 2011 to 19 January 2011

6. During the period 6 January 2011 to 19 January 2011 I was present at the Flood Operations Centre at the following times:
- (a) from around 7am to around 7pm on Tuesday 11 January 2011;
 - (b) from around 7pm on Thursday 13 January 2011 to around 7am on Friday 14 January 2011;
 - (c) from around 7pm on Saturday 15 January 2011 to around 7am on Sunday 16 January 2011.

Flood Engineers and Officers present at the Flood Operations Centre

7. I cannot now recollect exactly who else was present at the Flood Operations Centre during the times that I was there, but do remember the four Flood Engineers, being Terry Malone, John Tibaldi, John Ruffini and Rob Ayre, being present at varying times.
8. I also remember Kim Hang, another Flood Officer, being present during my shift on Tuesday 11 January 2011.
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Entries in the Flood Event Log

9. I made a number of entries on 11 January 2011 in the flood event log that is Exhibit 23 before the Commission. I have reviewed the entries and make the following comments:
- (a) this was a very busy period and my role was to answer the phone, type entries into the log and provide administrative support in relation to the technical modelling and to the Flood Engineers generally.
 - (b) I made the entries by typing directly into the Flood Event Log. As there were many things happening I typed some entries in shorthand, and went back and filled in the details later in the day.
 - (c) I am confident that the times entered are correct as the Flood Event Log automatically enters the time when the keys control, shift and colon are simultaneously pressed.
 - (d) I cannot add anything further to the entries that I have made.

Errors or omissions in the Flood Event Log

10. I cannot now recollect any facts or events which enable me to identify any errors or omissions in the entries that I made in the Flood Event Log between 12am 7 January and 12am 12 January 2011.

Information or details to add to the Flood Event Log.

11. I cannot now recollect any additional information or details to the entries that I made in the Flood Event Log between 12am 7 January and 12am 12 January 2011.

Further information

12. I cannot now recollect any further information or details, including accounts, of all conversations that I took part in, with, or overhead between any persons present in the Flood Operations Centre.



SWORN by DAVID JAMES POKARIER on 26 January 2012 at Brisbane in the presence of:



Deponent



Solicitor

