

Statement of Witness

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<i>Name of Witness</i>	MOORE, Jenny
<i>Date of Birth</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>Address and contact details</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>Occupation</i>	
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Det Sgt Glen CATCHPOLE
<i>Date taken</i>	31/3/2011

I, Jenny MOORE states;

1. I am a married woman, [REDACTED] years of age and I reside at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Harlin. I have owned and operated this property for the past sixteen months.
2. My husband Mark and I purchased our home and property in November 2009, at the time of purchase it was registered as twelve and a half acres. In recent advents concerning January 2011 floods of South East Qld the Brisbane Valley River claimed somewhere in the vicinity of between four to five acres of our property, which equates to thirty to forty percent of our property.
3. In 2010 my husband and I had started a partnership together, which was an extension of my own ABN, after relocating and building our reputation within the local area as reputable horse trainers and competitors in conjunction with buying and selling cattle we had hoped to build a successful business for 2011. We have been severally disabled in our progress due to the flood disasters and loss of our land.
4. The acreage we have lost reduces our stock carrying capacity, as it was our cattle and winter feed, it sustained our stock through the cold dry winter.

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months. It also reduces my property valuation and we are now paying a mortgage on land that no longer exists. In a manner of speaking we are repaying the banks for something that now belongs to the river, DERM and the Crown.

5. As for our customer potential, for the next twelve months the general public will be more concerned with rebuilding their hoes and replacing belongings than having a horse trained, private instructions, buying saddles or horses. We are forced to make a decision on selling our cattle or pay costs for agistment or paying the cost of hand feeding.

6. In the Harlin area we are not alone in our losses; other property owners have lost vast amounts of land. These land holders have lived in this district for many generations and have witnessed the damaging effects in the Brisbane Valley River and have documentation predicting this damage due to infrastructure within the river which was passed by Government bodies. We are having difficulty raising a response from these departments. They are not responding to our messages left with secretaries or answering machines.

7. The Government grants are for Business', rural landholders and home owners who have lost homes, furniture, vehicles, stock, equipment etc, but the help lines are a little bewildered by our calls of help when we respond that we have lost our private land. When we notified our bank that we no longer own twelve and a half acres, they told me to wait for the water to recede and it would still be there. We are having difficulties in explaining and having people understanding that part of our land no longer exists. It is

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8. We spoke to a Mr Dennis Misso of the Somerset Council who is their valuator and surveyor and his response was he would not survey our land and only would estimate my remaining land and valuation for 2011. He stated that he would only survey our land if DERM forced him. We have had two Somerset Councillors come and inspect my damages and to table it at a meeting held to discuss flood damages to the Somerset Region.

9. Mr Shayne Neumann (Federal Member for Blair) took the time to meet with us and other land holders here on the 21st of January 2011 to witness the damage personally and to attempt to help us with grants and to try and raise a response from DERM. He took the time to listen to us and both sides of the argument that the damage caused in our area was escalated by infrastructure in the Brisbane Valley River and the management of the Wivenhoe dam over the period of devastating flooding.

10. This area of the Brisbane Valley River is now left unstable and vulnerable to more damage if the current weather climate continues. The silting effect can also be distributed to the Wivenhoe Dam making the bottom of the Dam shallow and carrying capacity less. We have pockets of quick sand which will take time to heal and the river is now up against my house bank and I am very unsure of its stability.

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11. I believe we are second to the devastation of Grantham and Lockyer and feel very lucky in comparative to these areas, however I am left to deal with my own losses, and we are left with something that cannot be replaced by no amount of help or money. If we had lost our furniture, car or house these things we could replace over time but nothing can replace our land. My husband and I have ongoing costs such as our mortgage on land that no longer exists, clean up, new fencing and fodder costs.
12. We lost power on Sunday the 9th January and it wasn't restored until the 13th. The same with communications, we lost it on the 9th and it was restored again on the 12th.
13. My husband and I have never been instructed by our local council or any government agency on evacuation plans. I do not know who our local disaster co-ordinator is. I have no knowledge of dam management or water storage practices in our area. We did not receive any warnings about the flood. We did not receive the warning in time. I think that warnings in the future should be way of all media, ie radio, T.V., text and emails. I don't consider that the forecasts were accurate by the Weather Bureau. We were not assisted in the preparation for the flood by Federal/State/Local Government. The Emergency Services did not provide any assistance to us in the preparation stage, we as a community looked after ourselves. I was not aware of any measures that were put in place to protect life and property in our area.

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14. As a result of the flood on 24th January 2011 I made a submission to the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry. That submission included a series of photographs and a survey plan of the area.

I am able to produce that submission and the attached documents.

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MOORE

Justices Act 1886

I acknowledge by virtue of section 110A(5)(c)(ii) of the Justices Act 1886 that:

- (1) This written statement by me dated 7/04/11 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 5 is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
- (2) I make this statement knowing that, if it were admitted as evidence, I may be liable to prosecution for stating in it anything that I know is false.

..... HARLIN Signature

Signed at this day of 7th April.... 2011....

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Mark and Jenny Moore

Harlin 4306

24th of January 2011

To Whom It May Concern

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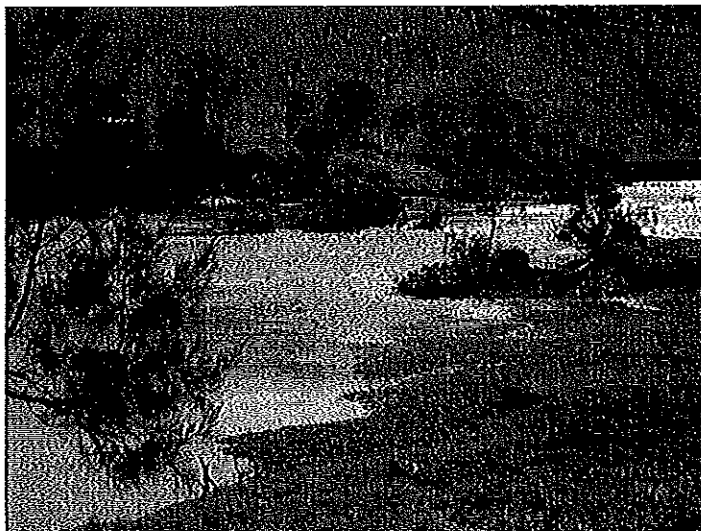
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Sincerely Jenny Moore



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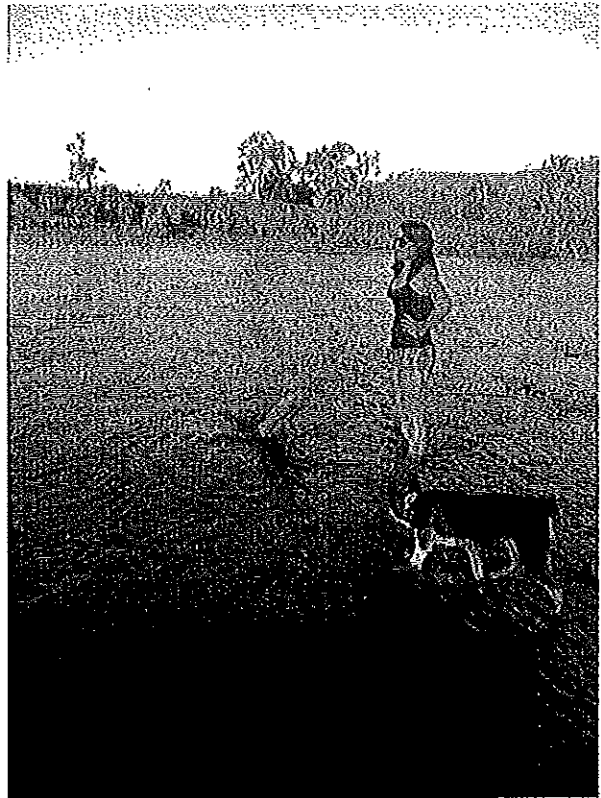
After 2011 Floods



Unstable Banks



3.9 metres of soil taken



my daughter standing where my paddock
Use to be 3.9 mtrs above the current
Water level

SURVEY PLAN

LAND LOST

RIVER

COUNTY of CANNING

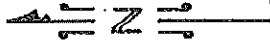
BRISBANE Parish of NEARA

4 779 ha

1 8215 ha. Bal

DIAGRAM
Scale 1:1000

PEGS PLACED AT ALL CORNERS UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN.
ORIGINAL INFORMATION COMPILED FROM RP 207177 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.



PERRY & MORPHETT Pty Ltd. I am so pleased to certify that the Company has surveyed the land comprised in this plan by Andrew Robert Collins, Licensed Surveyor for whose work the Company accepts responsibility, that the plan is accurate, that the said survey was performed in accordance with the Surveyors Act 1972 and the Surveyors Regulation 1992 and that the said survey was completed on 10th May, 2000.

..... Licensed Surveyor
Director
Date 5/7/2000

Plan of LOTS 3 and 4
Cancelling Lot 8 on CA 311339, Lots 48-55 on RP 14982 and Lot 1 on RP 207177

PARISH: COLINTON COUNTY: CAVENDISH

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Scale: 1:2000
Format: Standard

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Plan Status:

Fate: Yes



01. June 2010 Before the flood



02. January 2011 after the flood



03. 3.9 Meters depth of land lost



04. Exposed and unstable banks