

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Glen Leslie TAYLOR
<i>Date of Birth</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>Address and contact details</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>Occupation</i>	Farmer, SES Deputy Controller Condamine
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Senior Sergeant Mark Reid
<i>Date taken</i>	31 March 2011

Glen Leslie TAYLOR states:

- I am a married man, [REDACTED] years of age and I live with my family at our farm at [REDACTED] I farm cotton and grain on the farm and it consists of about 5000 acres. I have been living in the District since 1972.
- I have been involved in a number of floods at Condamine since 1972. The ones that stand out are the floods of 5 May 1983 (height 14.06 metres), 27 June 1983 (height 13.45 metres), and 10 April 1988 (height 13.80 metres). The bridge height for the Town of Condamine which spans the Condamine River is 10.1 metres. There was also a considerable flood in 1996 but am not sure of the date for this one.
- I have been a member of the State Emergency Service Condamine since 1980 and my current role is Deputy Controller looking after 6 members. I look after the training of members which we do internally which involves ladder rescue courses, search and rescue training and boat handling rescue.
- In December 2010 we received a lot of rain in the month and the country around Condamine was very wet. The ground was saturated. During this period Bill Power and I check the river heights a few times a week, check the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) website to keep an eye on the flooding.

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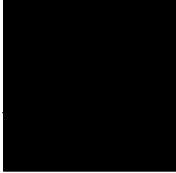
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10. I then ferried about 40-50 people over the river in the SES boat to the highway. We started to fill a cold room in town with food. We emptied the whole town out. Everyone formed up on the football fields shortly after for evacuation by helicopter. The helicopters did not arrive till around 5.30pm and continued to load people until 11.30pm. Only three police and Bill Power stayed in the town to provide security.
  
11. The river continued to rise the following day 31 December 2010 which eventually flooded the town. The SES organised animal feeding in the town over the next day and commenced emptying refrigerators and freezers of residents that had given permission to stop food items perishing. The river peaked at Condamine on 1 January 2011 at 15.25 metres.
  
12. The water did not recede for 3-4 days in which time we continued to bring spoiling food back into town for disposal. I had intended to dig a hole with a machine and bury the rubbish, but was informed by the Council that we could not do this because we did not have a permit. The rubbish was then piled up in a heap on the playing fields where it caused a hygiene issue. The residents returned to the town on 10 January 2011. Over the next week we continued to monitor the river levels. The council also continued to check the river heights.
  
13. We had nearly finished the cleanup of the town when a second meeting was called on about 12 or 13 January 2011. The Police, Western District Council, Emergency Queensland, SES and Queensland Fire and Rescue attended. We were told that a further flood was coming and that voluntary evacuations would occur. A doorknock was done of the town, with personal vehicles being shifted over the highway side of the Condamine River Bridge so that people could drive to Miles if required later.

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19. From the SES standpoint, the constant need for accreditation and renewal of training is killing the membership within the area. As it is a volunteer organisation, many people are unhappy about having to travel away for a number of days to receive training updates which will lead to a loss of members. This will need to be addressed in future.



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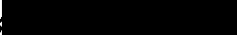
I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act 1867-1981 that:-

- (1) This typewritten statement by me dated 20/4/11 and contained in the foregoing pages numbered 1 to 5 is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
- (2) I make it knowing that, if it were admitted as evidence, I would be liable to prosecution if I stated in it anything that I knew to be false.



Signature

Taken and declared before me at Dalby  
this 20th day of April 2011

Witness: 

Justice of the Peace/Commissioner for Declarations  
for the State of Queensland.



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