



BURNETT RIVER COMMUNITIES FLOOD PREVENTION

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Dear Mary

Re Phone Call 21-11-2014

After speaking to you on the 21st November in regards to the aftermath of the 2013 major flood event we would like to bring to your attention some of the concerns our Organisation have regarding things that have happened to the residents & their properties in our Bundaberg area.

Our properties have been devalued both by decreasing our land valuation by up to 50% as well as the resale value dropped and our insurance policies have gone through the roof. Now we have a council who have Overlay Mapping which shows Bundaberg & surrounds heavily inundated with water & in numerous cases inaccurately.

If flood mitigation was done after 2010/11 flood, the flood event of 2013 may not have been so catastrophic. If they had of done flood mitigation work to reduce river heights by 600ml (approx. half the properties would not have been inundated.

To this day some people have not returned to their homes since the 2013 even (nearly 2 years).

Enclosed is a photo showing our medical precinct including hospital, ambulance etc. There have been 2 new buildings built on this flood plain (crosses marked on photo) since the 2013 flood.

Elderly people as well as disabled have no way of evacuating their homes if flooded as there was no help available during the last flood & to date nothing is in place for the future.

Many people have suffered from anxiety since the 2013 flood. Some people have died and others have attempted suicide. One man died for 4 minutes, revived by hospital staff & he was told there was nothing wrong with his heart. STRESS KILLS. These are just some of the stories we can tell you, we have many more. Thank you for acknowledging our plight.

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