From: [redacted]
To: Maribyrnong River Flood Review
Subject: Submission for Maribyrnong Flood Review
Date: Wednesday, 15 February 2023 9:50:55 PM

Dear Sir/Madam,
I wish to make a submission for the proposed flood review.
I reside in [redacted] and while I was not directly impacted by the floodwaters, I have an interest in the proposed review.
Firstly, I wish to express my overwhelming scepticism of any (so called) independent and competent review called by the Victorian Government.
I fully expect the review to be both non-independent and non-competent, and to be designed to provide an outcome that is convenient for the Victorian Government.
My submission is to request that the review provide measurements of the "cross section" area of the river (for various water heights) along the river with measurements provided (say) every 100 meters along the river. I expect these data to be modelled with the Flemington racecourse wall in place as well as what they would be estimated to be without the Flemington racecourse wall in place.
In simplistic terms, if the river cross section area was double at any point (and water flow rates constant) then twice as much water could flow for any time period and this would have a very dramatic impact on water levels. When I look at the part of the river around the racecourse wall, it is clear the flood plain is very wide and the volume of water that could flow without the wall would be very significantly more than when compared to with the wall in place.
In simplistic terms without the wall in place, I would expect the flood plain area would increase the cross section area (at that point) to be about double (or more) what would be available for water to flow and while the speed of water flow for the flood plain part of the cross section would likely be less than the river proper, I would expect a very significant difference in flood height between the model with the racecourse wall compared to without the racecourse wall.
I expect the review to make recommendations for households that would have not been flooded (had the racecourse wall not been constructed).
As everyone knows, what matters to the Victorian Government is MONEY rather than PEOPLE, and I fully expect the proposed report to reflect that fact!
I would conclude that any review that does not properly analyse the impact of the Flemington racecourse wall without proper modelling and realistic data to be rubbish (and which is precisely what I expect from the review).
Lets see if the proposed review provides a proper scientific methodology and analysis, or just a series of hopeless and meaningless statements!
PS: I could not get your online submission to work (perhaps it does not work for M/S edge browser) – not a good start for an independent and competent review!
My details are as follows:

[redacted]