Q1	Name
Short Text	
Q2	Email address
Email	
Q3	Phone number
Telephone	
Q4	What is your interest in the review? (select one)
Multi Choice	I live close to the areas flooded
Q5	Address of the flooded property
Short Text	
Q6	Property type
Multi Choice	
Q7	Is this your usual place of residence?
Multi Choice	
Q8	Did you have to move out as a result of the flood?
Multi Choice	
Q9	Are you still living elsewhere?
Multi Choice	
Q10	Do you intend to return?
Multi Choice	
Q11	What is your business name?
Short Text	
Q12	What does your business do?
Short Text	
Q13	Did you have to close your business as a result of the flood?
Multi Choice	
Q14	Have you been able to reopen your business yet?
Multi Choice	
Q15	Do you intend to reopen your business?
Multi Choice	



Q16 Do you own the property?

Multi Choice

Q17 Do you intended to sell the property?

Multi Choice

Q18 Your submission

Long Text

In early 2022, my partner and I decided to purchase a home in . We conducted due diligence checks (including building inspections, review of council flood maps, and the gathering of insurance quotes) on homes in the area. Through these due diligence checks, I became very familiar with local flood maps.

This familiarity has allowed the identification of several inconsistencies between existing flood maps and the areas inundated in October 2022. These inconsistencies suggest that the Flemington Racecourse Flood Wall has altered the hydrology of the area, contributing to the inundation of local residential areas and traffic corridors in October 2022.

Of particular concern is that some flood maps that indicate areas expected to flood in a 1% annual chance flood event (City of Melbourne, 2023; Department of Transport and Planning, 2023a; Victoria SES, 2021) depict:

- areas that are expected to flood but which didn't flood in the October 2022 flood event (namely, the Flemington racecourse), as well as
- areas that are not expected to flood but which did flood in the October 2022 flood event (such the stock route walking path abutting Bateman Road properties between Riverside Park and The Crescent, and The Crescent at the stock route pedestrian crossing; Bazzcock, 2022; Hazpt Media, 2022).
- [Figure 1 Kensington and North Melbourne 1 in 100-year flood map; Victoria SES, 2021; see submission attachment]

[Figure 2 - intersection of The Crescent and the stock route walking path circled in green on 1 in 100-year flood map; Victoria SES, 2021; see submission attachment]

[Figure 3 - flooding at the intersection of The Crescent and the stock route walking path; Hazpt Media, 2022; see submission attachment]

Notably, the October 2022 flood event peak of 4.18 metres (Ward & Abbott, 2022) did not reach the Maribyrnong City Council '1 in 100 year flood' classification of 4.45 metres (Maribyrnong City Council, n.d.), making it even more surprising that the latter areas became inundated; not only were they purportedly less likely to flood than the Flemington Racecourse, but their annual flood risk profile is below 1% (City of Melbourne, 2023; Department of Transport and Planning, 2023a; Victoria SES, 2021).

It would seem likely that the discrepancy between predicted and actual flooding is a result of the existing flood maps — official maps on which planning decisions are made (Department of Transport and Planning, 2023b) — having been based on hydrological modelling conducted before the installation of the Flemington Racecourse Flood Wall. Additionally, the 2022 flooding of areas not predicted to be inundated in a 1% annual chance flood event suggests that the installation of the Flemington Racecourse Flood Wall had an adverse impact on the hydrology of the area, increasing the flood risk of areas not previously considered at significant risk of inundation.

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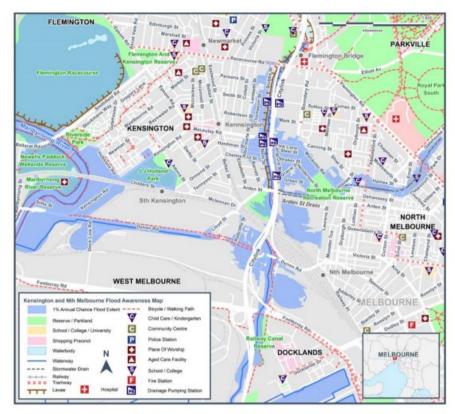
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Q19 If you have any supporting documents upload them here.

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The map above shows the possible flood impact of a 1 in 100-year flood (1% chance of occurring in any given year) within the Melbourne CBD area

Figure 1 - Kensington and North Melbourne 1 in 100-year flood map (Victoria SES, 2021, p. 2).

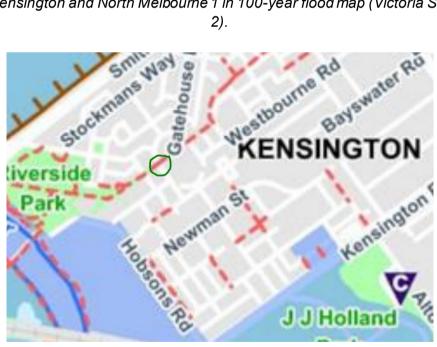


Figure 2 - intersection of The Crescent and the stock route walking path circled in green on 1 in 100-year flood map (Victoria SES, 2021, p. 2); marking added. Note that this area is some distance from areas indicated as being at risk of inundation.

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Figure 3 - flooding at the intersection of The Crescent and the stock route walking path, 14
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