

Q1 Name

Short Text

Q2 Email address

Email

Q3 Phone number

Telephone

Q4 What is your interest in the review? (select one)

Multi Choice

My property was flooded

Q5 Address of the flooded property

Short Text

Q6 Property type

Multi Choice

Residence

Q7 Is this your usual place of residence?

Multi Choice

Yes

Q8 Did you have to move out as a result of the flood?

Multi Choice

Yes

Q9 Are you still living elsewhere?

Multi Choice

Yes

Q10 Do you intend to return?

Multi Choice

Yes

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 Yes

Q17 Do you intended to sell the property?

Multi Choice No

Q18 Your submission

Long Text

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to take the time to consider not only my submission, my experiences and thoughts, but that of my friends, neighbours and concerned community members. At the end of the day, it is important to us and the future of everyone living in, near or around the Mar byrmong River catchment areas.

My experience - Friday 14th October 2023

On Friday the 14th of October my life undoubtedly changed forever, literally in front of my eyes and without warning. (I have submitted my experience through the drop in Me bourne Water sessions, so I will keep it brief). I woke up at 5.30am to see flashing lights coming in our house. Upon looking outside, I saw several SES cars and volunteers gathering across the road. My partner went outside, to be told "look at your App". He only had to look down the street to see the river had broken its banks. The App was useless, but our address was not listed, just a watch zone.

For the next 2 hours, we constantly approached the SES members asking do we need to evacuate, only to be told no, you don't need to and its only going to be a minor to moderate flood, don't worry. At 8.50 am we notice water about to enter the rear of our property our property - this is the moment we knew we were in trouble, despite ta king to the SES again less than 5 minutes prior, who again reassured us we were fine. By the time we urgently evacuated 3 kids [REDACTED] and 2 cars, as we drove out in water over ankle deep (Only 10 minutes later). Within 30 minutes, our yard was knee deep in water and within 1 hour, water started to enter our house and over knee deep in our yard. Working frantically with my partner to save as much as we could, we walked out of our place, near crutch deep in water - no need to panic says the SES you'll be right mmm!

So the rest is over to you guys. You see, I have 1000 questions but appears most are excluded from your review so lets start with a few:

1. The Flemington Flood wall - why just review this one, what about the Kensington, Edgewater, the Metro Tunnel projects - they are all within the catchment scheme, all down river to the flooded area, all would seem to have had a "blockage effect" on the natural flow of the water exiting to the sea
2. Were any water levels taken on the 14th February downstream of the flooded location? If so, what were they? To what height did they rise? If no, why not?
3. Why were the flood surveyors appointed 3 weeks after the floods, as upon speaking to one of them, they admitted they were only guessing where the water may have went to as all the rain washed the evidence away. How accurate are the flood levels recorded?
4. Why can a commercial property/government project be allowed such flood mitigation (i.e. a flood wall) but domestic residence not? Is this discrimination?
5. Who is responsible for predicting the flood levels? Is there any consideration to the downstream blockages in the natural flow (i.e. Flemington Flood wall and other projects)
6. Who is responsible for alerting the public?
7. Could this event not have been predicted days earlier? if so, why were we not warned? If we were, maybe majority of the residence might have save more possessions, tears and heartaches.

Anyway, just a few questions, thanks for your time and whilst I know your review is not considering mitigation, it would really be the big question on pretty much everyone's lips - hopefully some thought might be put into it and then a plan to do something actually occur.

Regards
[REDACTED]

Q19 If you have any supporting documents upload them here.

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