

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 Arundel basin project

Q19 If you have any supporting documents upload them here.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The weather Bureau predicted heavy rainfall for Thursday the 13th of October 2022. I predicted 100 millimetres would fall in the metro area. This made me worry but not too concerned as I have been born and bred in the mini ponds area and I am well aware of the Melbourne river flooding was there in the 1974 flights and the ones that followed after .

Thursday progressed and range when the weather Bureau reported that we did not get more than 20 millimetres of rain approximately in the metro area but the northern parts of Victoria had significant rainfall.

During that Thursday I took several pictures from my phone from the weather Bureau and it showed this mess with the front which just hovered over Victoria the whole day that concerned me sad day for I did not receive any Victoria emergency information which I Did not receive any warnings. I therefore followed one of the apps emergency apps and took screenshots there were no warnings put on the Melbourne river as I will attach the screenshots that I took on that day of Thursday the 13th of October 2022.

Having spoken to my neighbours they hadn't received any warnings either so there was a long list of texting through different neighbours wondering what was going on Amor we hadn't received any warnings about any floods so we took it upon ourselves to research and speak to [REDACTED], he kept us up to date on what the levels Where and how dangerous it was becoming.

On high alert we prepared yourselves that we may have to evacuate the next day so we watched overnight on what would Unfold.

At this stage we still haven't had any warnings not via text not pie and knock on the door not by a car driving by with an announcement no nothing we were left to our own devices well I was we were.

During that Thursday night into early hours of Friday morning 1:30 AM I woke up on purpose to cheque the river, it had Not come through the stormwater drains as yet. Therefore I went back to bed and work up at 4:30 AM to my horror it had come through the storm water drains as we know it does not break its banks it comes through the stormwater drains first it fills up the roads and all levels out and then it meets the river.

In my opinion the banks of the river have not been updated or repaired in over 100 years especially after the 1974 floods or the 1906 floods or any other flight after.

Are there for prepared my dog with his harness and we got it we got dressed called my neighbours.

I know for a fact I am on [REDACTED] and I should be getting flooded first but it doesn't it actually comes in through Coulson park so I knew my neighbours in the apartments behind me would be getting flooded first and by this time I knew they already had water up coming up to their driveway.

We all chatted and none of us had any warning by any SES police council or any other warranted body that should inform us. we will all very confused because we all had to fill out all a lot of in for personal

information to be handed in to the council in the SCS several years ago as a warning system was put in place we were assured.

As the water was coming in awfully fast I was worried about the elderly neighbour that lived in [REDACTED] name is [REDACTED] and one of my other neighbours called [REDACTED] because my home is on the river but it is double Storey we all decided to go back to [REDACTED] where we were on higher ground and expecting the worse when you would be safe there.

We were all prepared with some belongings just in case we did have to evacuate as we were still unsure what was going to unfold because of no warning. Then at 6:05 I received a text message of the warning .

Morning unfolded I took photos of the stages and was horrified how quickly it was rising by this time we could say that the flow of the water was incredibly fast. there was a lot of commotion a lot of phone calls trying to find some sort of information or direction on how bad this was going to become.

By 8:30 we decided to leave as the SES was coming up to our property in a rescue boat telling us to evacuate that we must evacuate.

Not knowing that we were being filmed by channel 9 they followed us in the rescue boat to plantation St which they were awaiting our arrival it was extremely extremely scary as the river was incredibly rapid and so much debris. I was extremely anxious of not knowing why this had become so dangerous that I could not stop shaking, I was told that I had to leave my dog [REDACTED] behind because we all couldn't fit in that rescue boat, well I was not leaving my dog behind! [REDACTED] the essay is volunteer explained to me that I was not allowed to stay behind that he would stay with [REDACTED] and protect him and he'd be safe and I would be right behind us on a another rescue boat.

we were dropped off at plantation St which had not gone under as yet. upon arriving to plantation straight we were all extremely quiet because of the visual impact we we're experiencing around us we were totally speechless. When we arrived to plantation St I looked to my left and I was mortified I could see this huge pontoon smashing up against one of the properties on chifley drive , and I just thought Oh dear God how bad is this why on earth did nobody let us know on what was going to happen, that's what is going through my mind.

We were taken to the community centre . I was dazed uncertain, anxious, angry, lonely ,lost ,shaking and I wanted answers.

I was waiting for [REDACTED] to be dropped off at the community centre but an hour went by and he still hadn't arrived which that started a another stage of anxiety not knowing where my dog was. there was one employee from the council that was in charge of our pets she began to look where [REDACTED] had been taken to. Over now went by and she could not locate him 2 hours went by Mr could not locate him by this time I was a mess I knew that I should've stayed behind with him. By 12:00 o'clock I received a phone call by my sister and she was extremely worried about me because I was crying and she did not know what was wrong and I told her that we were all trying to look for [REDACTED] that I had to leave him behind because he could not fit on the boat. she informed me that she saw him in a rescue boat heading towards mare belong bridge and that he was being dropped off there and I said to her what do you mean maybe long road bridge that would be underwater and she informed me that it wasn't underwater. This baffled me as I did not understand why the bridge was not underwater because knowing the past that's what happens it goes over Mary long bridge but it was completely dry so I was a

little confused and thought that's so strange and did not give it another thought until later during the week as information came through about the flood wall. The Flemington flat bowl changed the flow and the full dynamics of the water that bridge gets flooded all the time when we have this one in 100 year floods. The water actually goes up to the Waterloo hotel, but this time after seen the photos in all the papers and TV that the war had gone why pass Venice road was totally confusing at the time but then made sense because of the floodwall.

By 1:30 they had found [REDACTED] and he had been taken to the lost dogs home how that unfolded I have no idea but under all those circumstances we had to pay over 100 and dollars to take him out which is absolutely ridiculous. But he's her family and we just wanted him back with us. he arrived at the community centre safely. he was a bit of a star on the day because it was lost basically we had no idea where had been taken none whatsoever and the plan did not go according to the plan of him being dropped of a plantation straight where I was waiting for him.

We were all at the community centre we all look the same we were all dazed shocked wanting to know about our properties whether they had all gone underwater how high the water was etc etc.

A lot of questions but no answers!

Day I just started to go back at approximately 6:00 o'clock to say if the water had subsided and it had the water had come in so fast and it actually left justice quickly but left a huge devastation behind it. In the past it had not damaged so much property an items but because of the velocity and the speed of the water it just took everything in its way fences cars , whatever it could take it did.

I remember thinking I'm sure someone has died in this also certain and then to find out that no one had died is it miracle.

this is when anger was starting to creep up I remember thinking I cannot believe this got to this stage and nobody knows anything we were not told of any warning that this was going to happen is that this was going to be so bad so huge so devastating.

after the 1974 floods why was nothing ever put in place we pay our taxes and writes out everything and we are not looked after we are not protected by these extreme tragic weather events. the political mish mash that goes on instead of protecting its people is just devastating.

We are left Homeless.

We are left with the huge insurance bill.

We are left no clothes or shoes.

We are left with no transport.

We are left with all our memories washed away.

We are left to clean up the mess the Political bullshit throws at us.

We are left with the loss.

We are left Broken.

I returned early this Saturday morning walking down the Esplanade through such thick mud and slush trying to stay upright as it was very dangerous walking down that street but was very anxious to see the state of our home.

Came across a car that had obviously floated down the street and was on top of the footpath facing the wrong way and thought dear God this is going to be bad. I arrived home and I just stood there. there was not one bit of greenery around me everything was black anyway I looked down the road round the corner everything was just black it was all mud at least 4 inches high and higher in other places.

So the clean-up started. We were left on our own devices to clean. By 9:00 AM on the Saturday morning I could not work out why the council had not already had machinery down the street cleaning. we desperately all needed help this was too big for us to do on our own.

I called the council and asked when help was arriving because this mud was too high and too thick to be able to remove on our own and I was told that there was no one at the council and I had reached the after hours number. I was horrified I asked I know it's the weekend but the council knows that we have had a total disaster environmentally and we need help. unfortunately she informed me that the council could not do anything until Monday.

I was totally shocked angry and in disbelief that the urban council very well knew the impact this flood had had on the homes of this community and put nothing in place to help with the enormous clean up.

I called 3AW and inform them of the Melbourne council not being available on the weekend, and informed me to call back on the Monday.

Well, the Mayor Mr. ? at the time heard 3AW and my complaint, so he called 3AW and assured the community that help would come ?? Yes, it came but on the Monday. If it were not for the community getting together and helping us with the cleanup food water I don't know what we would have done. the help was enormous and we couldn't thank the community enough.

The Council did not help that weekend and that's when we needed help nor did Melbourne water and that's when we needed help. We were left to our own devices and whatever we could find to clean up the enormous mess.

As we learned the impact the Flemington floodwall had on the area it made us very angry because we had applied to Melbourne water to subdivide our land so that we could build 2 totally separate independent homes on our property. We followed every single guideline Melbourne water had on the website therefore because Melbourne water did not agree with our proposal we went to the VCAT.

Even though we fulfilled every single guideline that Melbourne water required. we were told by Melbourne water that giving us a permit and building an extra home on a floodplain would impact on other homes.

At the VCAT hearing we engaged a hydrologist [REDACTED], a barrister and they each took three days in the end Melbourne water did agree but with conditions that we would not lock up the bottom of these homes which we agreed to.

But even though Melbourne water and the council agreed on the permit the member decided not to approve the permit and went against Melbourne water which we could not understand why this happened \$70,000 we lost

But yet in 2007 the Flemington Melbourne wool was approved and that would not impact the surrounding area but yet in 2009 when we went to V cat we were told that it would impact the surrounding homes in our area.

Well I would like someone to explain to me please and I would like to be compensated for the loss of \$70,000 will continue to pursue this as I think a huge misjudgement has occurred and the corruption that goes on behind closed doors.

So Flemington gets a floodwall but we could not build another home.

We have every right to live around the river by stopping the progress and building in the area is not the answer the answer is the Arundel Basin which should have been built after the 1974 floods.

There is no logical reason why the arundel basin was not built but just a political expensive non degradants issue that these big boys in politics like to play. Value was going to build it it was approved I'm ready to go Do not understand why when labour was voted in they just tore up the project at the taxpayers expense and never was spoken about again. we actually had more floods after that and still nothing was done. well one thing was done and that is we'll build the wall to protect the racing industry but we won't protect our community of being flooded or killed for that matter.

The Arundel basin must be built this will at least stop such an impact of water coming downstream and impacting on our homes. it was approved it was ready to go and then labour tore up the plans so now you Melbourne motor must take it upon yourself to build this basin. It will help with our insurance it will help the community recover knowing that we can live peacefully along this area along the river and not be flooded after all it is ask that was the cost.

The banks of the river Have corroded over decades and have never being repaired or looked at they have just deteriorated. we have such a beautiful river going through our city and we neglect it. Shameful on Melbourne water and the port of Melbourne and the government for allowing this to happen not protecting our beautiful river.

It is our river to be enjoyed and lived around by stopping people building up the area is not your answer to fixing the Logical Outcome .In the 21st century , we still do not have this Arundel Basin being built is disgusting and we will not stop fighting Melbourne water and the government until this is being done.

I also want to answers on why in 2007 the floodwall was approved and in 2009 when we wanted approval for our subdivision was not. In actual fact Melbourne Water approval came through on our last day at VCat but the Member we had gave his finding as non Approval due to he thought it would be to much strain on the SES ! Really ,my understanding is if both the council and MW approved it in the end why would this man go against the decision! I want this further investigated also.

I will attach photos that were taken on the 14th of October and after thank you [REDACTED]

14/10/22 @ 06.47





14/10/22 @ 06.34



14/10/22 @ 06.52



14/10/22 @ 06.57

A photograph showing a flooded garden area. In the foreground, there is a large, green, spiky plant (possibly a Pandanus) partially submerged in murky brown water. To its left, there are dense green bushes. To its right, there is a large tree trunk and more greenery. In the background, a white fence runs across the middle of the frame. Behind the fence, there are more plants, including a tall palm-like tree. The water reflects the surrounding vegetation and the sky. The overall scene suggests a recent flood or heavy rain.

14/10/22 @ 08.04



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13/10/2022



screenshot 06.15

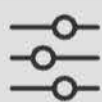


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