

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

We live in [REDACTED] opposite [REDACTED] and the racecourse.
On the morning of the flood, I was home with a baby and a toddler. I could see out my bedroom window the water rising into [REDACTED] and directly across the street from our house.
I immediately googled for a flood map. The latest flood map did not show water where it already was. There was no information on when the river was expected to peak or the height and what that height actually looked like. To interpret if the flood level at say 3m would enter our house is almost impossible with an accurate flood map. After a couple of hours of looking out the window the entire road was full of water. I could no longer see how far it was rising as our whole view was now water. I can see directly into the racecourse which was of course completely dry.
With a baby and toddler on each hip we had to go out into the street to keep checking if the water was going to enter our house. I have not felt fear like that before, being responsible for little people and being unable to ensure that we would be safe or we would lose our home.
The police and SES both passed us by, both with completely different information on the flood peaks. All the neighbours were also terribly confused. We would go back inside for nap time and go out to check the flood level each hour, unsure if it would be at our doorstep. Revisiting this day brings back the confusion, vulnerability and fear.
It is absolutely clear the impact the Racecourse flood wall had on the flooding. The racecourse should have been a flood plain, that is why racecourses are built on flood plain and not houses. Having first hand witnessed the flood entering Smithfield Road, anyone with any common sense could see the impact of the flood wall doing its job - pushing the flood water into the residential housing area in the banks. This is clearly what this wall was built for. It is astonishing that the wall was allowed to be built. There is no doubt the wall needs to come down. It is very disappointing that the government would support protecting a racecourse over family homes, because in this instance it is one or the other. Looking out our window for the last 8 years, the racecourse has come to signify to me alcoholism, non social behavior, noise pollution, insane traffic on local roads, gambling and animal cruelty. With all the impacts I have experienced first hand from the racecourse, is now the flood wall is the most shocking.

Q19 If you have any supporting documents upload them here.

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