

Nathan Stringer - FW: Corindi Park Drive Water Inundation - EMAIL 1

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Date: 24/02/2013 5:42 PM
Subject: FW: Corindi Park Drive Water Inundation - EMAIL 1
Attachments: Blackadder email reply_D Holland 21 Feb 2013.pdf

Hi Nathan, please find below the original email I referred to in my submission. I also attach an unsatisfactory response I received from John Alexander (Acting in David Bell's position due to David's impending retirement). This was sent just before we flooded that night.

From: David.BELL@rms.nsw.gov.au
 To: cpdrive@hotmail.com
 CC: Lance.Vickery@rms.nsw.gov.au
 Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2012 08:15:52 +1100
 Subject: RE: Corindi Park Drive Water Inundation

Danielle

I acknowledge receipt of your email and will provide a detailed response shortly.

Regards,
 David Bell
 Regional Manager

From: CP Drive [mailto:cpdrive@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, 7 December 2012 11:03 PM
To: BELL David; VICKERY Lance G
Subject: Corindi Park Drive Water Inundation

Dear David and Lance

Thank you for taking the time to visit the residents of Corindi Park Drive this evening. As you are aware, over the past 10 months many discussions have been held regarding our concerns that the Blackadder Safety Works Project was the main contributing factor to the inundation of water experienced on January 26, 2012. To this point in time residents feel that they are no closer to being provided with answers and write this email to you to ensure the following points are noted and addressed in a timely manner.

1) As per our meeting in February 2012, residents requested the RMS to explain why they were inundated with a wall of water which has been likened to a tsunami. This request was omitted from the RMS meeting notes and at this point in time still has not been addressed. It is vital that this wall of water is explained and further review is requested on this matter. Cindy Nutley may be able to assist as she took down this request during the February meeting.

2) A request was made to the RMS to fund an independent review which would take into consideration the issues raised during the February meeting. Upon the engagement of SMEC, residents objected and raised concerns that this would not lead to an unbiased approach as the RMS regularly engage SMEC to undertake works on their behalf. This feedback was ignored and the RMS continued to work with SMEC on the review. In addition to this, residents were advised that RMS surveyors were engaged to determine levels within the area on SMEC's behalf. Residents again objected and again ignored. Residents were provided a mere four hours to consult with SMEC where promises were made to undertake ground surveying and site visits. As per your website, RMS states: *RMS engaged Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation (SMEC) to carry out the flood study review. A community information session was held on Thursday 29 March 2012 at the Yarrowarra Cultural Centre, Corindi Beach. This session gave community*

members the opportunity to meet SMEC, discuss their experience and concerns, provide information about the event and learn about the process and methods being used in the review. Additional property surveys were identified and completed in May 2012. It is our understanding that no ground surveying or site visits were undertaken in the Corindi Park Drive area. It must also be noted that the scope provided to SMEC by the RMS was not the agreed scope discussed with residents and neglected to address why a wall of water was experienced.

3) During our meetings, and as per your powerpoint slides, RMS stated that this was the *biggest flood event since the 1940s*. Despite this, the RMS still will not take into consideration that the flood during the 1940s did not affect the Corindi Park Drive area in the same manner as did the January 26 event. Corindi Park Drive residents believe that the new road design has changed the water's course of flow to the detriment of their properties. This must be noted by the RMS and further advice is sought as per point 1.

4) Referring to RMS media releases, the RMS advised that the road upgrade project was to assist in the reduction of accidents in the area. These media releases did not refer to upgrading the road to assist in the flow of traffic due to flooding. The RMS' form of "consultation" did not give the community ample opportunity to identify whether they were affected which reduced their opportunity to provide relevant feedback and their ability to request additional information regarding possible flooding concerns. It is our understanding that some residents with property adjacent to the project were consulted and concerns were raised regarding flooding. These concerns were never formally addressed.

After reading your Community Engagement Policy Statement 2012, the RMS promises communities to **listen, act and report back**. We believe these steps, which the RMS agree are vital, have not been followed to the detriment of the relationship between the RMS and the Corindi Park Drive residents. Corindi Park Drive residents believe that our requests are of a reasonable nature. Residents live with the constant fear that this event will occur again and that there is a serious risk of injuries and/or fatalities. Residents have been affected by insurance premium rises, reduced property prices and lack the ability to sell in a previously highly desirable area.

We look forward to meeting with you again in the near future to address these points as discussed at our meeting today.



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