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**To:** [Flood Inquiry](#)  
**Subject:** Floods Inquiry  
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## Your details

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**Title** Ms

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## Submission details

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**I am making this submission as** A resident in a flood-affected area

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**Submission type** I am making a personal submission

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**Consent to make submission public** I give my consent for this submission to be made public

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## Share your experience or tell your story

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**Your story** I grew up in this home on the Rous River at Kynnumboon and have lived here permanently since 2000. Since not long before 2017 the flood water began behaving differently. The river runs much faster and the back water (comes from further up and fills the plain first) is slower to meet the river when it overflows the bank here so the river scours the bank on both sides. I

have regenerated a rainforest and continued planting since 2004 and this forest is telling the story quite clearly. The tree roots are showing on top of the path whereas before they were invisible. The smaller floods are ripping out the river banks as the water is flowing so fast. You can hear it roar as it flows over the bank. The new housing development upstream on the opposite bank must have something to do with it. The developer took down a hill and spread it over a flood plain that used to have cane on it then built houses on cement bases very close to each other with very little green space. Where can the water go? It can't soak in anywhere. After all, they have made a dam wall . The water is directed over to the other side. It is simple science that we have all played at as kids - blocking and changing the directions of running water.

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### **Terms of Reference (optional)**

The Inquiry welcomes submissions that address the particular matters identified in its [Terms of Reference](#)

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### **Supporting documents or images**

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