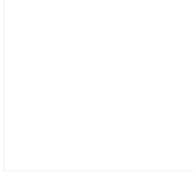


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Submission details

I am making this submission as	A resident in a flood-affected area
Submission type	I am making a personal submission
Consent to make submission public	I give my consent for this submission to be made public

Share your experience or tell your story

Your story	It is taking less flow in the Nepean river for it to break its banks at Camden above Cowpasture bridge. The reason is on the south side of the Cowpasture bridge, the length of the soft ball fields trees were planted on mass about 5 years ago. It is clear now that the river cannot flow freely through this area as the trees have blocked the flow path.
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By looking at the river banks at around the bottom of Chelaston Street it can be seen the river is diverting (as the water has eroded the river banks flowing over them to create new channels) to both the Chelaston Street (just south of) side and Eldersle side. This has caused water to run through the caravan park excessively and also the western side.

During the 1970's the river was 'delogged' the intention was to increase water flow to stop water backing up and flooding the market gardens, vineyards and private properties.

Adding to the water backing up is the trees growing in the river banks have added weight to the banks causing collapse due to the sandy ground structure being saturated (as occurs every flood). This point is highlighted where the river bank on the eastern side from below Macquarie Avenue to Belgenny fields collapsed as water subsided after the last flood. The trees finished up in the river which at the start of this flood slowed the waters passage.

Terms of Reference (optional)

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

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Human activity planting trees above the Cowpasture Bridge (west side) has cause damming of the river causing the river to divert from around its main channel impacting properties on the west and east sides of the river by fast flowing water.

I agree trees should be planted however not in water ways causing damming and avoidable flooding to peoples properties.

Supporting documents or images
