

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY SUBMISSION.

This is a private submission and is a critique of Melbourne Waters' (MW) own submission into the October 2022 flood event review as it applies to my situation.

The MW submission is #53.

I am interested in how the building permits were ever granted at the Rivervue flood plain when there are so many easily arguable missteps that the permitting authorities so dismally failed in their duty of care to the community.

I refer to page 24 of 36: -

How accurately did the model predict the extent of the flooding?

The MW report discusses the differential factors between a 1% and 2% AEP and goes on to conclude that the October 22 flood was somewhere in between both AEPs. However, the MW quoted AHD declared for Rivervue was only 2cm. higher than the 1974 flood which was a 1:50-year event at the time.

The report goes on to state "the extent of the flooding experienced in the 2022 flood event was close to what was modelled."

Therefore, as a flood victim of Rivervue I would ask this committee; how did MW ever be able to be the proponent in the MVCC C-151 disastrous Wimbush report that led to the extinguishing the LSIO back in 2016 over the flood plain that 47 villas were inundated last October?

I have read that MW didn't do the modelling that was presented to the Wimbush panel.

If this is true then it is damning evidence to culpability combined with MWs statement that the modelling was as predicted.

The villas built on the Rivervue flood plain remains a flood plain to this day by MWs own admission.

Other comments: -

It appears by reading MW#53, that MW is handicapped by a very cumbersome modelling regime that takes unreasonable time to update developments in the

catchment areas. This means that with a rolling 5-year program, MW are always playing catch up with the enormous property development around Sunbury and beyond unless they make some accurate forward-looking assumptions.

When a flood occurs, the description of MWs responsibilities indicates that they are mired in managing minutiae that only observes the inevitable flood event. If everyone is busy being busy, then we evidenced the result last October. If MW is the designated manager of the Maribyrnong river then it needs to be far more visionary and proactive to protect people's properties and assets by becoming a rigorous engineering enterprise.

Strategic and rigorous mitigation works are a far better investment when the next flood occurs than wheel spinning achievement of not much if business as usual continues.

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