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Flooding events for the period from December 2000 to February 2010:

Due to the severity of flooding in the past, the Moody Drain Action Group was formed in 2000.

On 26-27/10/2001 A Court Hearing -Appeal of the Fisheries Tribunal - Appeal FT 454 was held in the Supreme Court, Cairns.

As the Third Respondent I took this major safety issue very seriously along with the Moody Drain Action Group.

In 2002 the Retention Basin was constructed off Ramsey Drive, with the opening out of Moody Creek between Cochrane Street Bridge to Alfred Street Bridge, being half concrete lined. ???

This was the end of construction and most maintenance work.

Cairns 18 – Moorooloolooloo / Manunda Neighbourhood Watch Program commenced in 2003 with the Police Department, and launched in 2004 with myself as the Coordinator and Chairperson. This program is still operating very successfully with 1650 members, with the extension of 400 in Manoorra and 150 in Moorooloolooloo to give these other two areas the opportunity to become involved in the Low Carbon Diet Program.

In 2006 the Neighbourhood Watch Program was incorporated with New Zealand. (Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Inc.)

Since Council has not fully upgraded the drainage in conjunction with development as per the Fisheries Tribunal outcome in 2001.

A further organisation was formed May, 2009, The Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc. to persuade the council to further upgrade.

As the founder, and President of the Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc. and members of this organisation has been able to lobby Council with great results for the community as a whole. This organisation is growing every month.

Myself, members and the community find it very hard to believe the beaucratic garbage the community have to go through to achieve something that should have gone hand in hand with development which is the responsibility of the Cairns Regional Council.

1. We have had the Fisheries Tribunal,
2. Study from Sinclair Knight Menz
3. Report from Lawson and Treloar
4. Now a consultant report from VDM Consultants

On behalf of the Cairns Neighbourhood Watch and Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc. we will continue to lobby Council to continue the Moody Creek Drainage upgrade to the standard from the VDM Consultant's recommendation.

All subsequent events could be verified by insurance claims through these periods.

The Moody Creek Drainage Management Plan – Invitation to Comment on behalf of the Moody Creek Catchment can be accessed through my website

www.thelmaspelta.com

As one of the identified stakeholders of Moody Creek Drainage Management Plan Draft Report, on behalf of the Cairns – 18 Moorooloolooloo / Manunda Neighbourhood Watch and Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns the community would like to request a copy of the itemised list for funding in the proposed upcoming budget.

It is disappointing almost a decade after the 2001 Fisheries Tribunal Court hearing this issue has still not been resolved, with infrastructure not being upgraded with development to date. In light of recent flooding events which covered a large portion of Queensland, it is imperative that funding is in the upcoming budget for the Moody Creek Drainage Management Plan.

The community request an itemised list of contribution to head works in \$'s over the past decade that has been paid to Council from developers and passed by Council.

All drainage is the responsibility of Council.

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