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Weekend flash flood risk to Brisbane exposes Council's lack of action

Despite public claims that Brisbane City Council flood recommendations have been delivered, flood signage remains only partially installed or not-operable around Brisbane.

Councillor for Tennyson Ward, Nicole Johnston, said that Queenslanders had been warned of flash flooding and heavy rainfall this weekend but two years on from the floods, suburban flood markers were not operational.

"Known flooding hot spots like the Muriel Ave, Sherwood Rd and Fairfield Rd, Yeerongpilly still do not have functional flood warning signs," Councillor Johnston said.

"In Pratten St and Cliveden Ave Corinda, poles have been erected but not flood markers or warning signage."

"While the Lord Mayor continues to publicly claim that Council has responded to flood recommendations, signs have been covered up for months or are not yet operational. This is simply not good enough, two years after Brisbane's devastating floods."

"I am calling on the Lord Mayor to ensure that the promised flood warning signs are urgently installed and operational this wet season."

Councillor Johnston said she had asked the Lord Mayor about the signage discrepancies in Council last year and he had not bothered to respond.

In its *Flood Action Plan – Addendum 2* published on 17 July 2012, the Lord Mayor claimed that permanent flood markers had been "completed" in January 2012 (p18).

"I urge journalists to take a quick trip to the corner of Muriel Ave, Sherwood Rd and Fairfield Rd, Yeerongpilly (near Beaurepaires) to see what the Lord Mayor means by "completed"."

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