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Quirk's Flood Furphy

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk's claims that promised flood markers have been installed are false and demonstrate that two years on Brisbane's flood lessons have not been learned.

Councillor for Tennyson Ward, Nicole Johnston, said the Lord Mayor had been caught out in Council's July Flood Action Report Update falsely claiming that permanent flood markers had been installed.

"The promised markers for Cliveden Ave and Pratten Street Corinda, in known flooding hotspots, have not been installed and are not operational. Three weeks ago I asked the Lord Mayor a question in Council about this issue and he has still not responded or acted. Residents deserve better," Councillor Johnston said.

"In the recent storms these roads were flooded, and again residents had no warning that the local roads would be cut. Flood markers would be a helpful warning device in this residential area that leads to local schools and sporting facilities."

In answers to questions on notice on 18 September, the CEO, Colin Jensen, confirmed that flood signage rather than flood markers had been installed at numerous locations including Cliveden Ave and Pratten Streets, Corinda and Sherwood Rd, Rocklea.

"The Sherwood Road signs were installed a few weeks ago but are covered up and are not yet operational, while the Corinda sites have poles and non-existent signs."

Councillor Johnston said the Lord Mayor was more interested in expensive stunts like \$9m heli-pads rather than the hard work needed to prepare and mitigate flooding in Brisbane's suburbs.

"Last week the Lord Mayor reneged on his commitment to backflow valves in suburbs including Graceville, Fairfield, Tennyson and Yeronga by failing to include them in Brisbane's priority infrastructure plans for the next 20 years."

Council's Flood Response Review Board, led by Major General Arnison recommended that: "The Board recommends that permanent flood markers be installed on key roads that are known to become flood affected to complement other public awareness and safety campaigns".

On 11 July Lord Mayor Graham Quirk publicly claimed that 50 of the 53 recommendations from this report had been "completed" including the flood marker recommendation.



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