

TO BARRY BROWNING
for Ray Pascoe-Webbe

FILE No.
KJC:LT

FROM KEVIN CURTIS

DATE
21 October 1976

SUBJECT

FLOOD EMERGENCY

I have been asked to report to the Commission on the 1st November on any problems which arise out of last weekends events beyond the scope of interest of the FAC(E). One example was the reported evacuation of part of the Archives establishment at Kings Avenue. Another was the transfer of vehicles from Kingston to Manuka and the evacuation of the building at the Transport Depot generally.

Will you make some discreet enquiries and see if you can find out how these people were alerted, if there were others in the same situation, and whether there is a need for the Commission to take any particular actions to avoid or at least assist future events.

I would imagine the Archives organisation would use last weekend to support the need for a new repository.



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TO	RAY PASCOE-WEBBE	FILE No.	KHD:MMS
FROM	KEITH DAWSON	DATE	25 October 1976
SUBJECT	<u>FLOOD EMERGENCY</u>		

This minute provides brief background and feedback on the procedures used and effects of the flood, in response to the SM's attached note.

Background

A masterplan for flood (Googong) contingencies was drawn up, agreed and tested by the ACT Police, DCT, Construction and other authorities initially on the initiative of the Commission.

In accordance with this plan the ACT Police Commissioner confidentially advised those institutions, organisations and lessees likely to be affected by flooding, to prepare and test their own internal evacuation/flood alleviation procedures.

Feedback

In the recent real situation, the ACT Police advised those institutions etc. likely to be affected. These institutions set in train their procedures and some of them received publicity.

|| None of the institutions, either p.e. or government, experienced actual lake, river or drain caused flooding.

No schools were affected nor are any on the Police warning list.

The level of the recent flood was below the '74 peak. Maximum potential flood danger is understood to occur during March '77 as a function of the stage of construction reached at Googong. Thereafter flood risk is expected to fall to manageable limits or effects.

The ACT Police are now evaluating the (network) used during the recent flood and will prepare and circulate a report on a restricted basis. This report may recommend certain precautionary traffic and hydraulic engineering works such as boomgates on selected roads, earth levees in the Causeway/Narrabundah housing estates, and relocation of pontoons from Central Basin.

In terms of projects in construction the basement of the National Gallery could be affected in a maximum possible flood situation (i.e. 500 year plus flood).

On the basis of the above information supplied confidentially by the Police I have not made further enquiries.

The implications for the Management Division may well be to respond to the Police Commissioner's recommendations after they have been analysed and accepted by the various interested organisations and our engineers.

For future reference, attached is a list of flood alleviation proposals being considered by the ACT Police.


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In addition to Keith's inquiries above, as far as we have been able to establish through other channels there was no "flood" (as distinct from 'leaks') problems at schools or health institutions. From the Police advice no evacuation was necessary except for precautionary reasons ~~for~~
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