Lipscombe Creek/Lauramont Avenue

Flood Damage 10/5/2018

We the undersigned, being residents or owners of properties in Lauramont Avenue, Sandy Bay, request the HCC provide both intellectual and financial assistance for the immediate and long term mitigation of risk to flooding of properties in the Lipscombe Street catchment.

On May 10th this year, a significant storm event resulted in the obstruction of the storm water inlet at the top of Lauramont Avenue and along with an unusual amount of rain and surface water, many of the properties and houses were flooded, and fences and retaining walls destroyed.

We believe that collectively the damage costs to be in the order of many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

We make the following requests.

- 1. That the storm water inlet be repaired and cleared immediately.
- 2. Consideration be given to increasing the capacity of the current 800mm storm water pipe or diverting some of the water from upstream/Mt. Nelson to another catchment with greater capacity.
 - We appreciate that the pipe system may be built to Australian standards but query whether its design now meets the requirements of the current and future run off patterns. If the Council utilises storm water modelling software, does the current system meet the demands of Council design standard for a maximum storm event frequency.
- 3. Most importantly we seek assistance with a plan that will reduce the risk of flooding immediately. Most of the flood damage results from the pooling effect of the property fences that obstruct the flow of surface water along its natural course down through Lipscombe Creek. This could be alleviated immediately by the installation of spillway fence panels over the lowest and/or final section of every fence line where it abuts the route of the old creek/storm water pipe.

These suggestions have already been discussed with HCC engineers. They were supportive of these suggestions. In summary the spillway fence panelling may cost in the order of \$15-20 000 at \$950/panel which would substantially reduce the risk of flooding to homes at a fraction of the million dollars or more cost of changing the existing storm water infrastructure.

We would be grateful for your urgent consideration of our proposals.

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