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Sent: Tue, 7 Mar 2023 22:00:46 +1100
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And council proposes to remove more still.

When the opposite should be the case/a replanting.

[Attached](#) concerns notice of proposed development of Holland Court adjacent the highway.

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Moreover Council proposes to develop the west of the church grounds where a grove of Gum trees currently are absorbing the water.

I am proposing to Council the trees are essential to reducing the water regards stability of the adjacent highway & not destabilising it's foundation.

Unfortunately the church gardener has a poor appreciation of the role of the trees. The gardener in fact is harming the trees by constantly burning off their leaf litter, bark, that they drop to naturally fertilize themselves through the composting cycle.

I talked to the gardener described the tree[s] he cut down as, "Wattle trees," when in fact they were Gum trees.

I feel the church rather than cutting down trees. Should be planting them and preserving the natural order as much as possible.

Does the church own the land where the gardener works? [A number of Gum trees to the west of the church verging on Holland Court].

A proper examination of the areas' history & hydrology shows 2 historical creeks met at a junction in front of the church they used -to- flow alongside the highway from the old Howrah fruit market down to Oceania Drive & beyond.

Moreover the old quarry opposite allows big amounts of water into the water table-under the highway and down into the area opposite the church. And on the east side of the church - the big bush block is proposed for - development making for more engineering/hydrological chaos.

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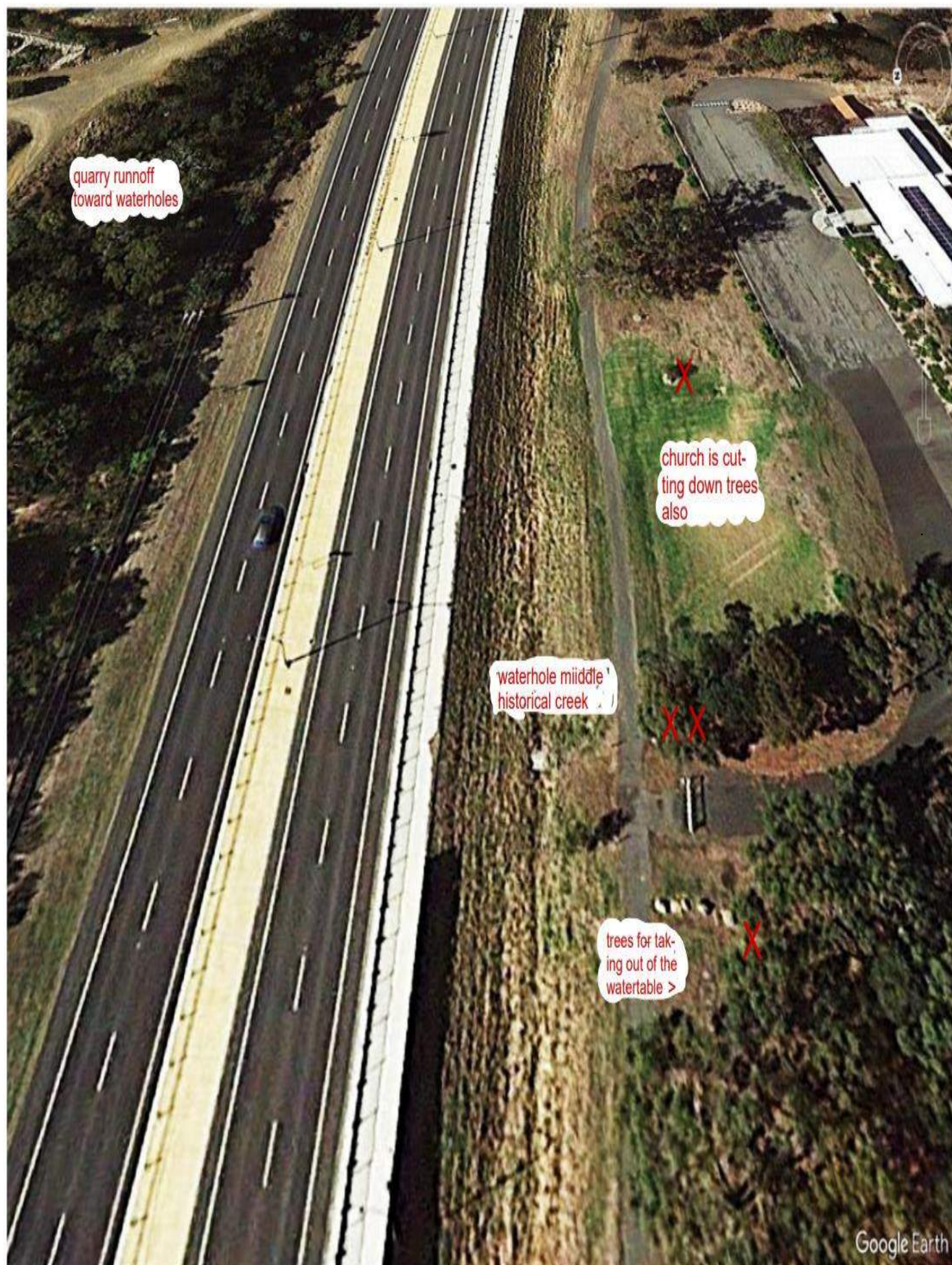
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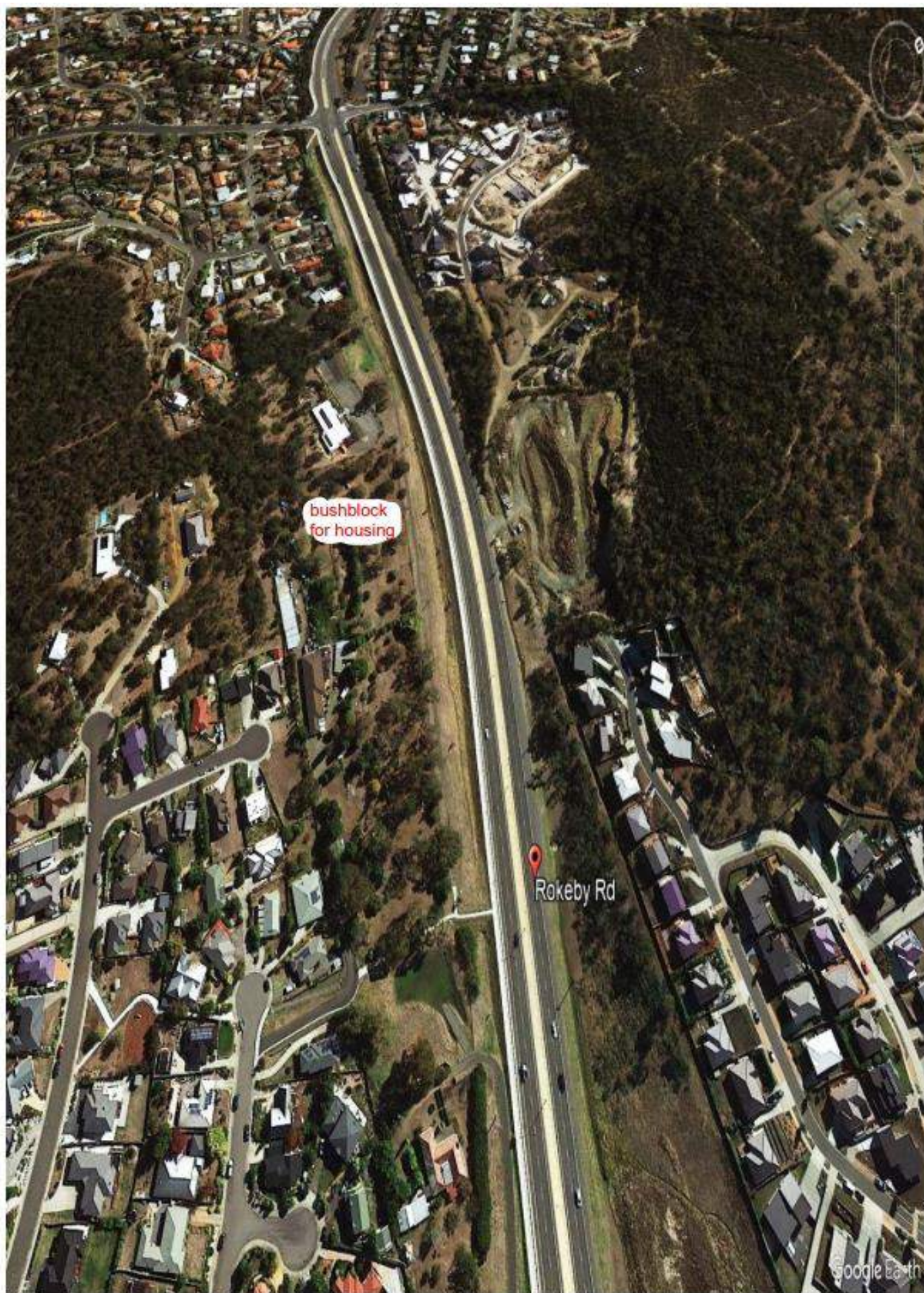
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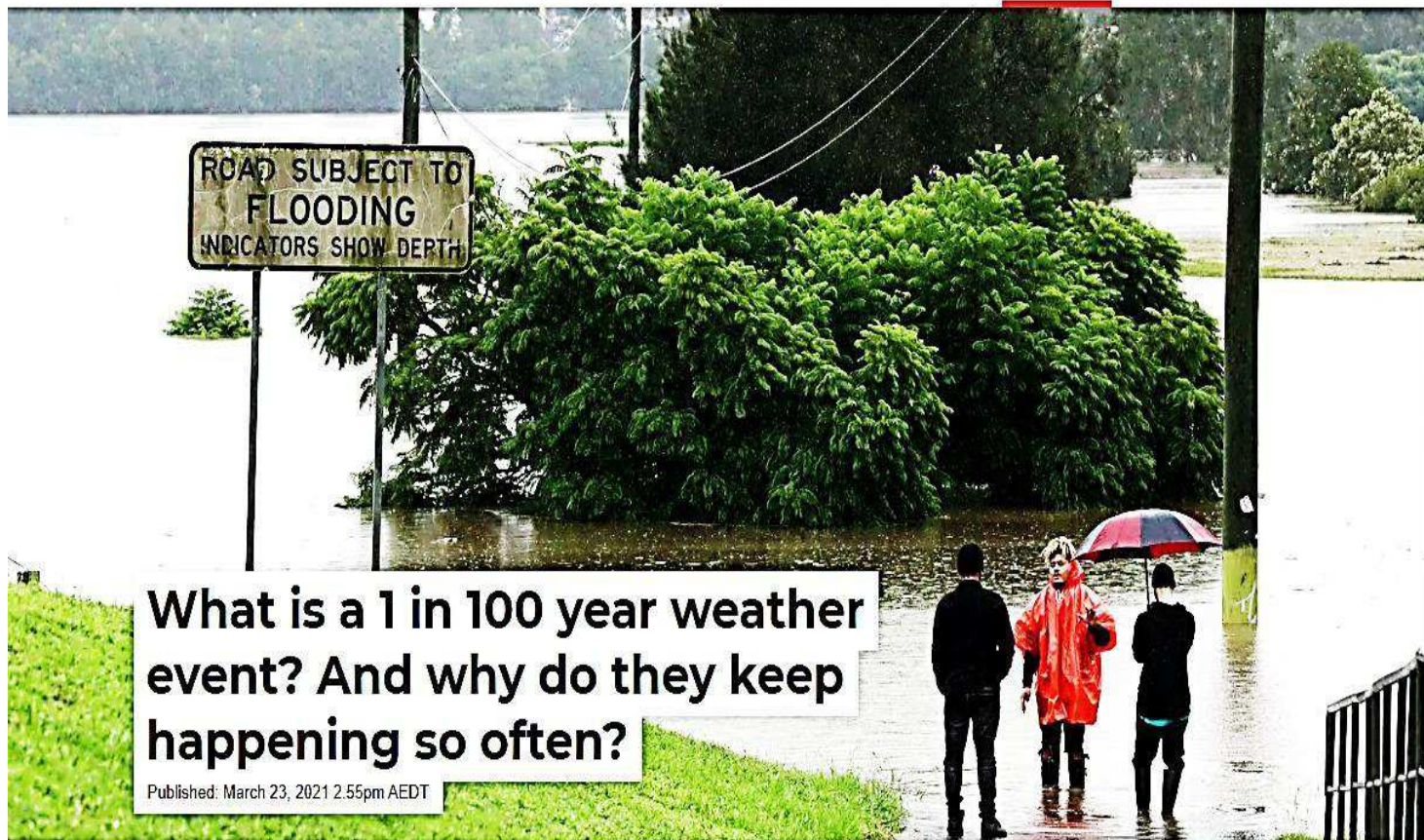
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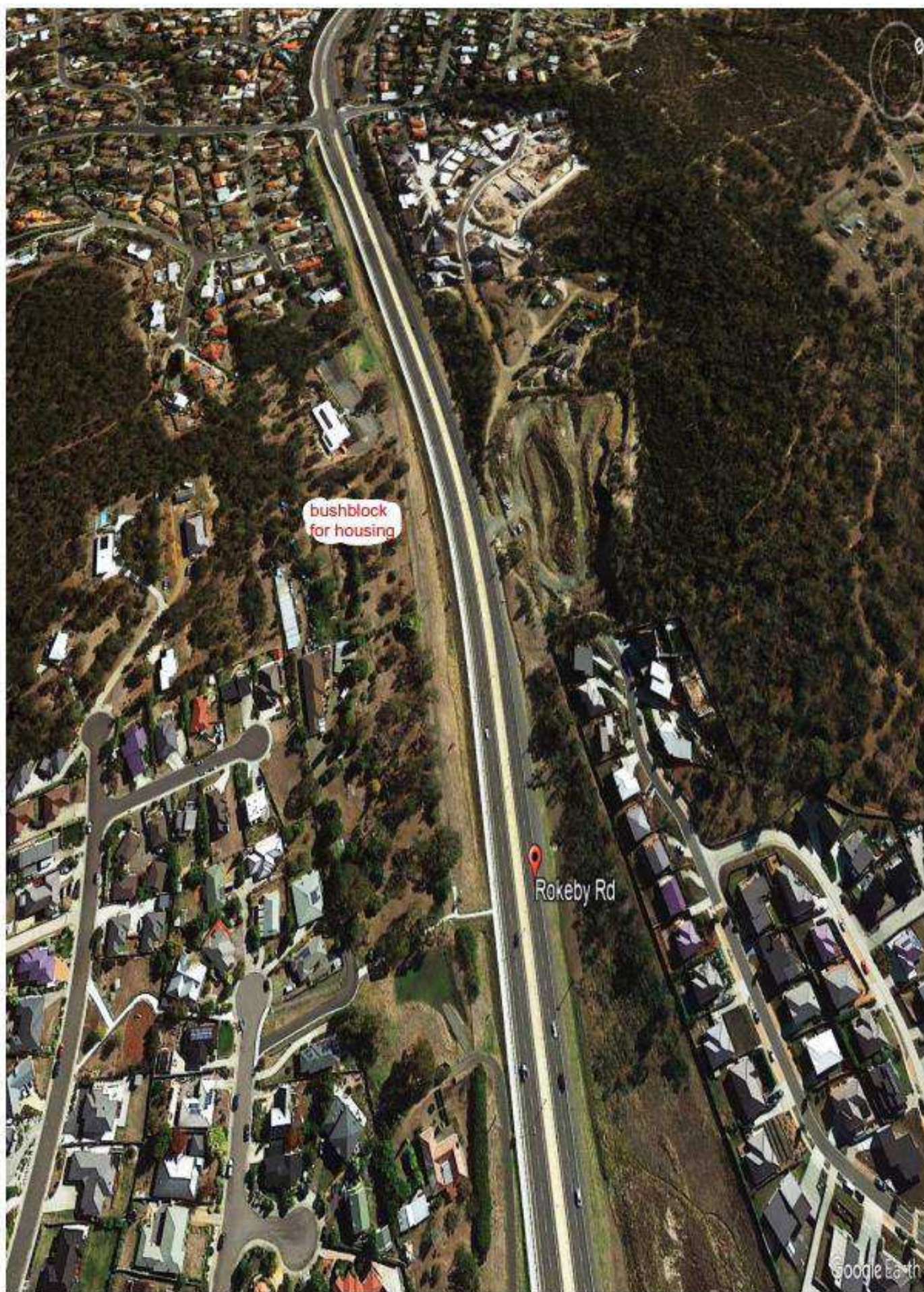
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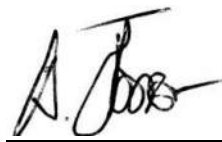
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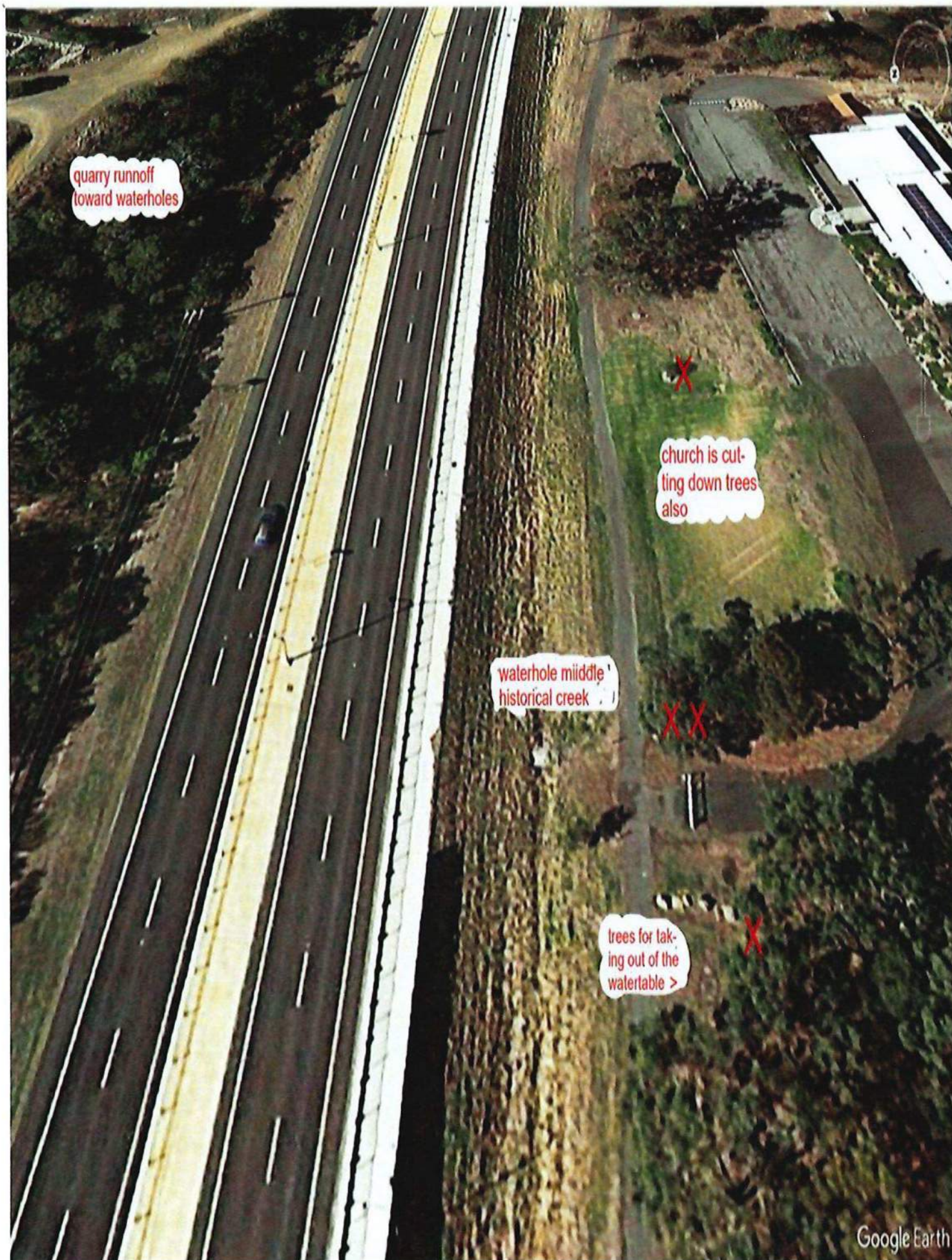
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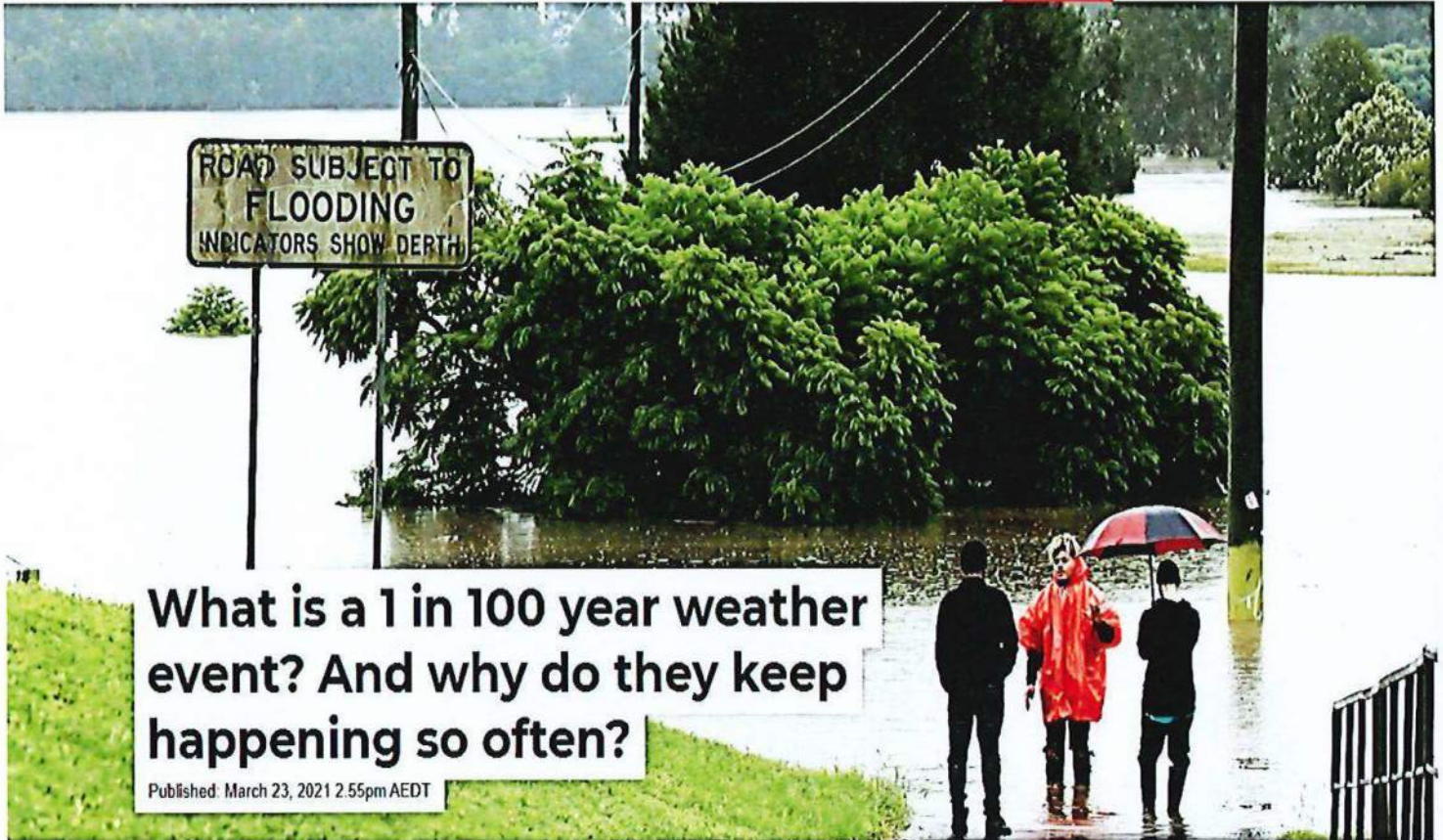
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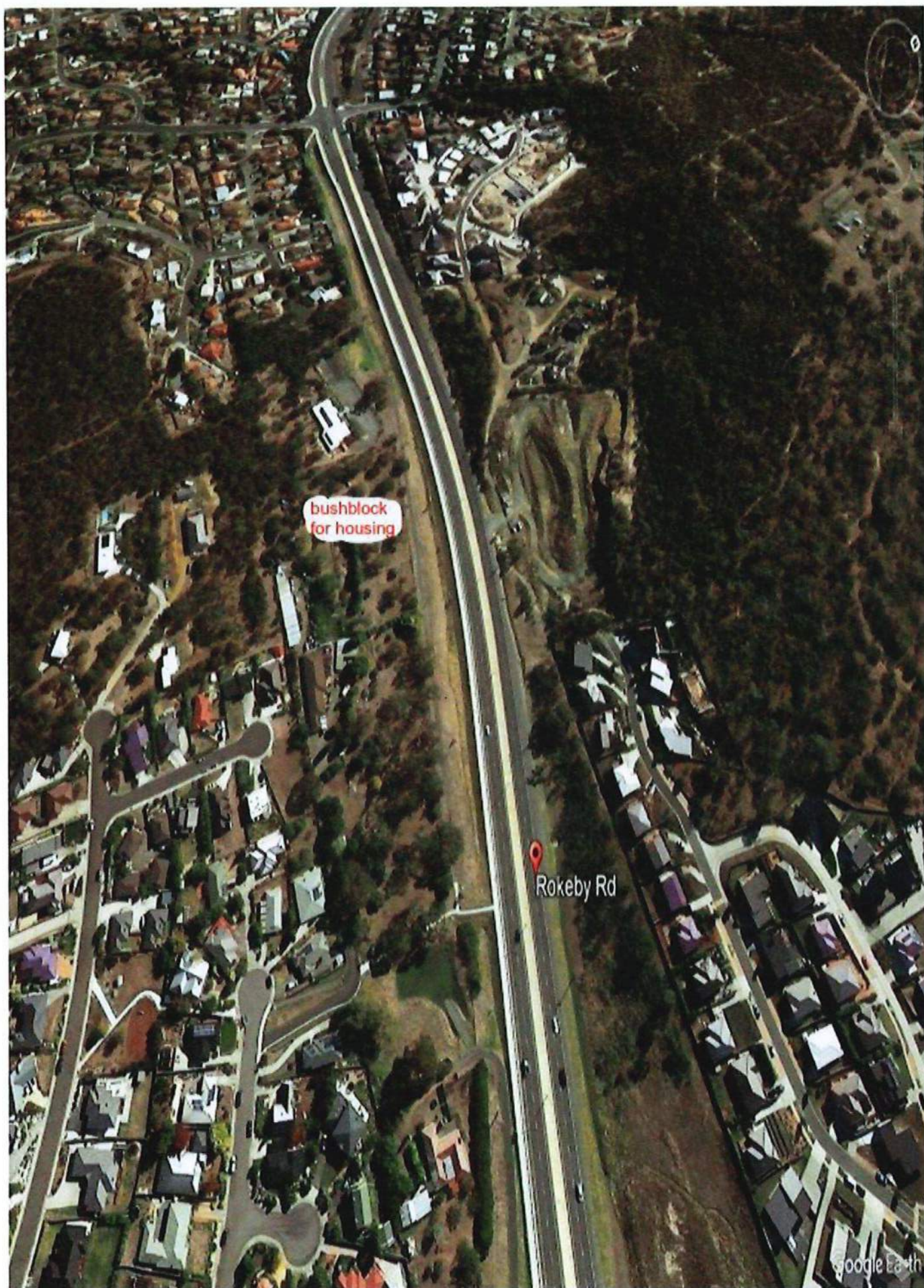
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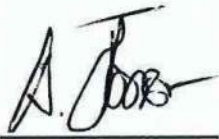
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-By- email & registered letter[s] 17/03/23.

Subject: proposed development, 30 Holland Court, Howrah; sinkholes opening up at base of South Arm Hwy. foundation/embankment in jeopardy

Council Chief Executive Officer/State Growth:

20 yrs. recreating in the area & more time & observations than what you make.
Leads me to the (following) demonstration of the area:

History of area:

Google Earth [attached](#) with captions:

ATTACHMENTS



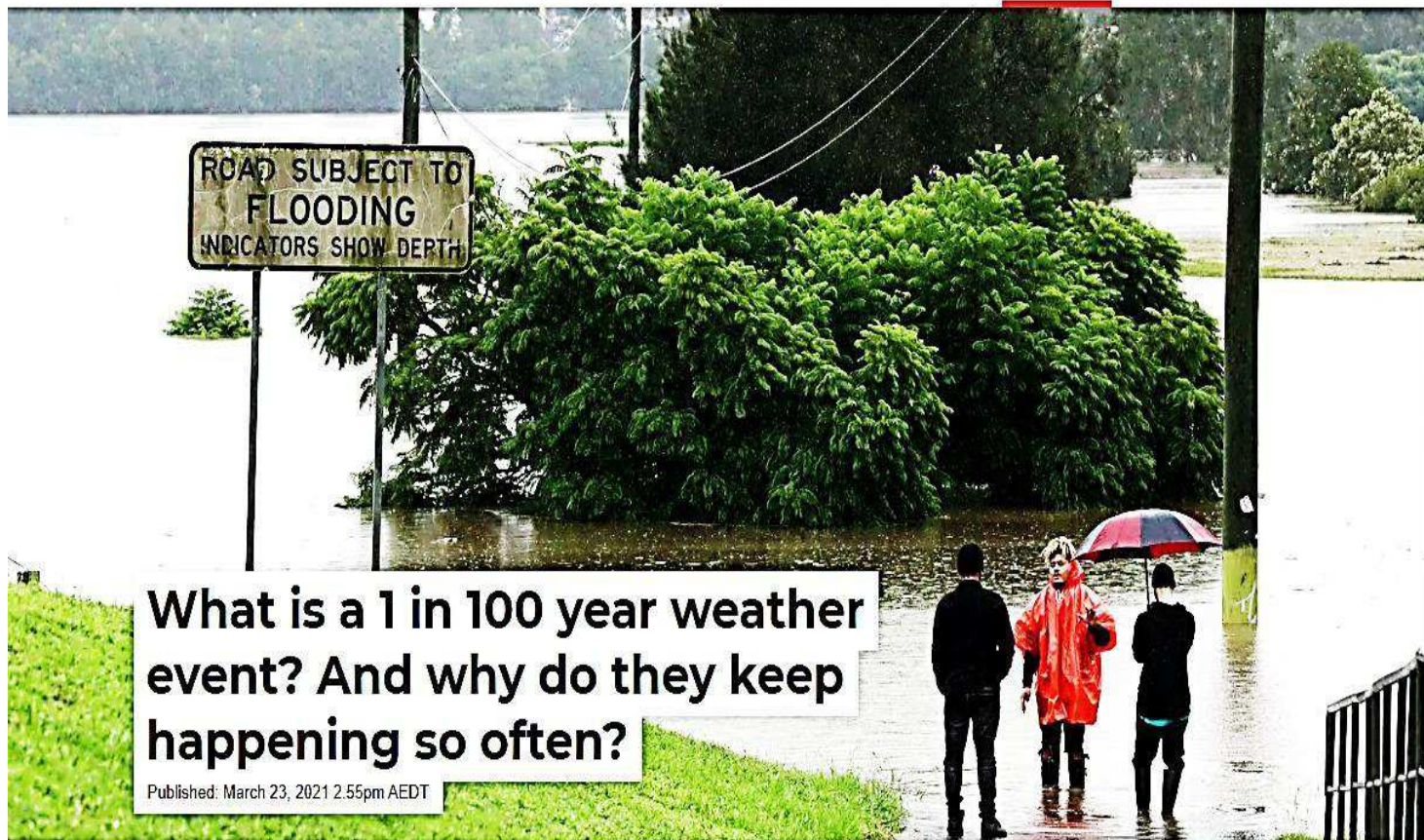
hills ... run along both sides of South Arm Hwy. between – Howrah Nursery & Oceania Drive, an extensive watertable moves water to the length of the highway



Rokeby Rd./highway on the south side took out a 500 meter length of trees/30 meters wide ran from a little west of Howrah Nursery -TO- Oceania Drive along what was the historical creek *now* filled in with stones it's entire length



historical Google Earth shot shows waterhole/potential sinkhole in the middle of the historical creek closeup/walking the area/reveals 3 such holes 1/ a little ways east 2/ another a little ways west moreover are more waterholes along the length of the highways' foundation/embankment



Council/State Growth:

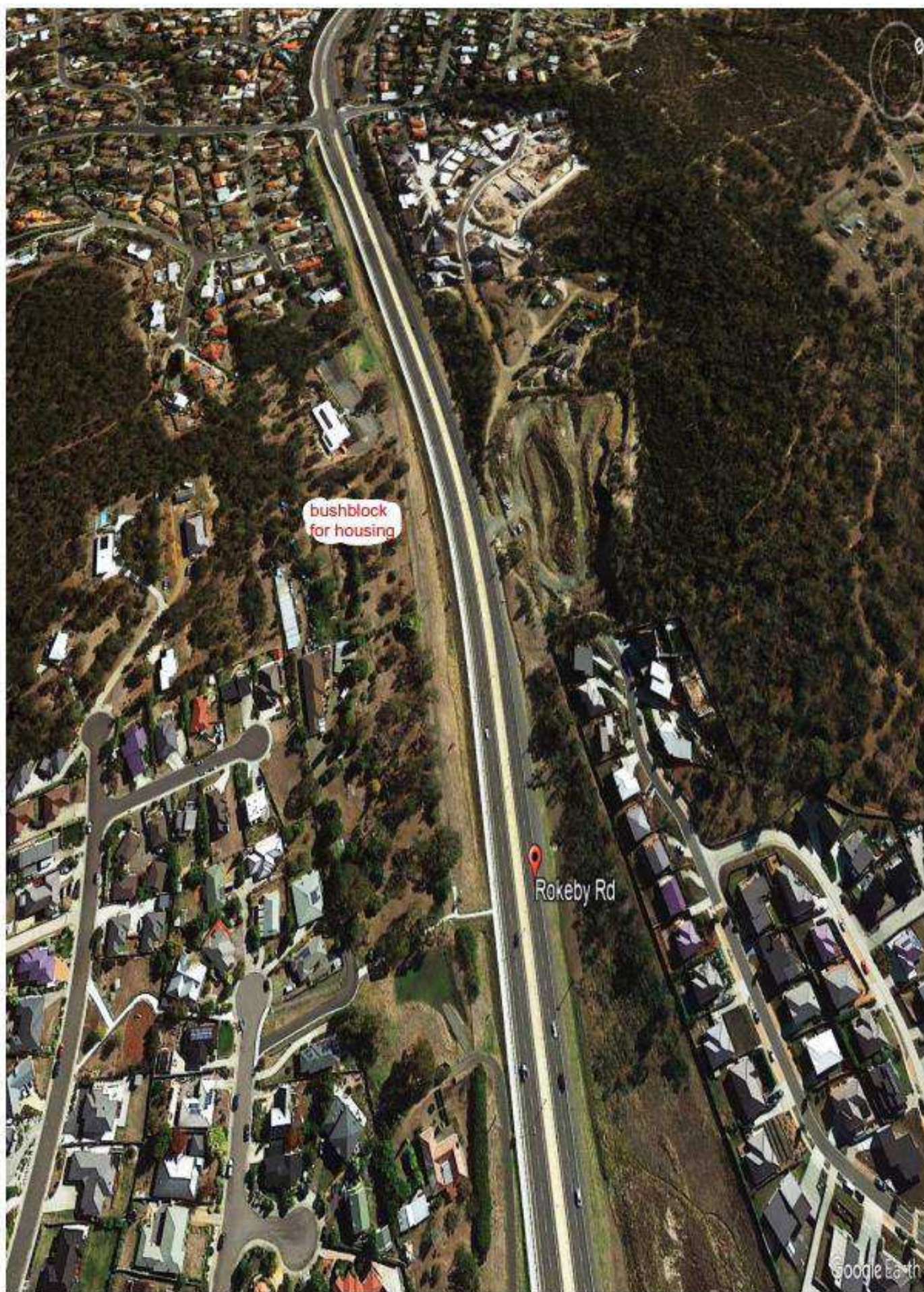
THINK OF THE DISTURBANCE TO THE WATERTABLE OVER A CENTURY+

(a) old growth forest wholly removed

(b) regrowth forest largely removed & under more_threat

just these alone took/take massive soakage capacity from the area

(c) the quarry exacerbates filling the watertable to overflowing



mass alteration -to- natural watertable

Council/State Growth:

2 centuries has seen drastic ~ upheaval of/to the area's capacity -to- naturally\evenly absorb the rain: Mass disruption to the watertable: Climate Change makes things worse by and order of g_d knows how much? 10,000 compared to the aboriginal Days.

Legally Council's responsibility is due diligence/a duty of care. Should a 1 in 100 or 50 year flood occur, damage to people's property/deaths.

A record/this letter will be – produced to the Media.

Please Minding the bushblock on the east side of the church uprooting it will – only make things worse.

Council quite frankly this area's watertable with your cutaways of whole hills, for housing, leaves, exposed channels waiting to rage with water/flood the area ... YOU THINK YOU CAN PIPE IT ALL INTO THE SEA.

Climate Change is exposing the error of man's ways & time & time again with [landslides](#):



The intensity of extreme drought and rainfall has "sharply" increased over the past 20 years, according to a study published Monday in the journal [Nature Water](#). These aren't merely tough weather events, they are leading to extremes such as crop failure, infrastructure damage, even humanitarian crises and conflict.

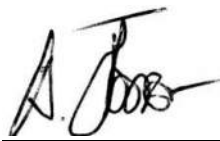
The big picture on water comes from data from a pair of satellites known as GRACE, or Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment, that were used to measure changes in Earth's water storage — the sum of all the water on and in the land, including groundwater, surface water, ice, and snow.

"It's incredible that we can now monitor the pulse of continental water from outer space," said Park Williams, a bioclimatologist at the University of California, Los Angeles who was not involved with the study.

"I have a feeling when future generations look back and try to determine when humanity really began understanding the planet as a whole, this will be one of the studies highlighted," he said.

The researchers say the data confirms that both frequency and [intensity of rainfall](#) and [droughts](#) are increasing due to burning fossil fuels and other human activity that releases [greenhouse gases](#).

ENGINEERING/HYDROLOGICAL SOLUTION REPLANT TREES THE LENGTH OF THE HIGHWAY AND ON THE CHURCH'S PROPERTY -TO- ABSORB AS MUCH WATER AS POSSIBLE/DRAW DOWN THE WATERTABLE – DO NOT DEVELOP THE LAND ADJACENT THE HIGHWAY LEAVE, (the bush block east of the church undeveloped), AND SOUTHERNS WITH TREES TO SHORE UP THE HIGHWAYS' FOUNDATION: PLAN FOR THE 1 IN 75 YEAR FLOOD.



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Cc: Howrah Church of Christ admin@howrahcofc.org.au [selling the land for development]

From: Andrew Thomson <native_title@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 March 2023 9:48 PM
To: info stategrowth <info@stategrowth.tas.gov.au>; clarence@ccc.tas.gov.au
Subject: Waterholes developing along the length of the highway/Rokeby Rd.
Importance: High

Council; State Growth:

From Oceania Drive – east for 400 meters used to run a creek where Rokeby Rd. was widened to the now four lane highway.

Trees acting as a water soakage were removed the length of the creek.

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From: "Clarence City Council" <clarence@ccc.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Wed, 5 Apr 2023 11:22:27 +1000
To: "City Planning" <cityplanning@ccc.tas.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Clarence Council Chief Executive Officer;/State Growth
Categories: Bec

From: Walker, Barry <Barry.Walker@stategrowth.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 4 April 2023 11:21 AM
To: Andrew Thomson <native_title@hotmail.com>
Cc: Howrah Church of Christ <admin@howrahcofc.org.au>; Clarence City Council <clarence@ccc.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Clarence Council Chief Executive Officer;/State Growth

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Dear Andrew

The Department of State Growth acknowledges receipt of information you have provided regarding the South Arm Highway.

It's noted that this information has been provided to the City of Clarence in response to a proposed Planning Scheme Amendment and associated subdivision at Holland Court, Howrah.

Kind regards

Barry Walker | Manager Road Assets
Asset Management Branch | Department of State Growth
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From: Andrew Thomson <native_title@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, 18 March 2023 12:34 AM
To: info stategrowth <info@stategrowth.tas.gov.au>; clarence@ccc.tas.gov.au
Cc: Howrah Church of Christ <admin@howrahcofc.org.au>
Subject: Clarence Council Chief Executive Officer;/State Growth

Re proposed development, 30 Holland Court, Howrah; please see [attached](#) letter/objection. Holland Court adjacent/ disaffecting the highway's foundation.

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