## Worksheet 9



# FLOOD PREPARATION GUIDE

#### Preparation ]

#### **Prepare yourself and your property**

- Get to know your neighbour, because they may be able to help you.
- Understand how flooding affects your neighbourhood. Visit the council's interactive maps to obtain a flood search report to get current flood information for your property.
- Prepare your business, by informing staff and be prepared to move stock, equipment, hazardous materials and heavy machinery away from areas that may experience flooding.
- When flooding occurs, your usual way home may be cut off. Plan other routes in advance.
- Consider insurance and check that it covers flooding.
- Secure objects that could float away and cause damage.
- Be prepared to stack furniture and possessions up high, out of the way of floodwaters.



For comprehensive weather information and warnings for your area, please visit the Bureau of Meteorology website.

- Visit the Council's Disaster Dashboard to familiarise yourself with the latest information on weather warnings, road closures, flood watch cameras, power outages and any relevant evacuation centres that are open.
- Further information on preparing for a major flood event, and other emergency situations, can be found on the State Government's Get Ready Queensland website. Remember, once you enter flood waters, you are giving up control of your vehicle if it's flooded, forget it!

During an event, Council has a dedicated Disaster Management Communications Centre, (07 3412 5222) where you can find information on the levels of the Logan and Albert Rivers and the City's creeks. A recorded message is regularly updated, once an official flood warning has been issued.



### Afterwards

- Be careful when returning to your home after a flood. Do not enter floodwaters.
- Don't use gas or electrical appliances that have been flood-affected.
- Record details of flood damage by photos or video, if possible for insurance purposes.
- Do not eat food that has been in contact with flood water, and boil all tap water until supplies have been declared safe.