

Townsville City Council should be placed into administration over handling of flood crisis

Men and Women of Townsville,

Townsville City Council should be placed into administration for its disastrous decision-making during the recent flood crisis.

With the Ross River Dam already over capacity and more inundating rain known to be on the way, the council refused to approve a controlled release of water, which would have allowed the dam to capture more of the subsequent rainfall.

Had that happened, much of the devastation to property, businesses, household items and personal effects could have been avoided. So too, the heavy toll on the personal welfare of the people of Townsville, some of whom will be feeling the effects of this disaster for months and years to come.

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The State Government ought to step in and place Townsville City Council under administration.

The Townsville community deserve to have competent people in their council who make responsible decisions at a time of crisis, especially one of this magnitude.

It is clear that no lessons have been learned from the disastrous decisions made during previous Queensland floods. The handling of this major weather event in Townsville has been hopeless.

Flood gates to release water from the dam at the right time were not opened and as a result thousands of Townsville residents are suffering.

Several media reports at the time cast doubt on this decision and rightly called into question the reasoning behind it. Few answers were offered.

Townsville City Council needs to be sacked and an interim administration installed.

Wishing you and your family all the very best,



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