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1141464	[REDACTED]	I would like to write my submission		<p>My family own property on the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to the south of the PSP. Melbourne Water transferred water through a 600mm diameter pipe from the Officer South drain to the Gum Scrub Creek without consulting myself or, to my knowledge, any of the other affected landowners. The increase in water flow had a negative impact on my property at [REDACTED]. Due to the constant inundation we had about 10ha of pasture badly to moderately affected, causing much of it to be destroyed. At the time of this flooding the actual rainfall was not excessive and would not have caused any significant flooding. The property [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has also been identified as a property of</p>		27 Oct 23 2:05PM

				<p>interest in the report titled Engeny Water Management presumably because it is subject to severe flooding and was the area where we lost most of our pasture when the water from Officer South drain was transferred to the Gum Scrub Creek. The property at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has a gap identified in the southern levee as being repaired. This is at a crossing point originally put in by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission when they were the responsible authority. In a major flood in February 2010 it was washed out. I indicated on a number of occasions to Melbourne Water it needed repairing. It was only after another moderate flood that anything was done. I was informed it was my responsibility, even though it was installed by the drainage authority at the time and I also indicated at the time it was not installed</p>		
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				<p>very well. We have an area on the property where Gum Scrub Creek crosses Cardinia Road, identified in the Jacobs Officer South Employment Hydrological Report on page 61 as Waterway Dense vegetation. This is an area of about 2ha that has a Conservation Covenant placed on it with the Trust for Nature. As the land holder we are responsible to maintain the area as per our agreement with Trust for Nature. Trust for Nature were keen to covenant this area because of its significance as one of the last remaining examples of this type of Koo Wee Rup swamp vegetation left in the area. It also has significance as in part of it, the Gum Scrub Creek is still in its natural state i.e. has never been artificially channeled. Some other concerns I have. When the Officer South Road drain was being installed in the early 1900s, the landholder</p>		
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				<p>of Jesmond Dene farm took the then responsible authority, Berwick Shire Council, to the Victorian Supreme Court and got a ruling in his favour, that the normal flow of the Officer South drain was to enter the Cardinia Creek at the Officer South outfall and not to be transferred to the Gum Scrub Creek. It appears that Melbourne Water are in contravention of this ruling. Because of the increased environmental and aesthetic values of not piping or channeling water in concrete structures, building a man made watercourse should be avoided. Melbourne Water have already piped water from the Officer South drain to the Gum Scrub Creek. I don't believe this sits well with the current Melbourne Water strategy as responsible asset managers. The many retarding basins/wetlands throughout the Officer</p>		
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				<p>South Employment PSP would appear to be going to be developed as open water areas as is the current practice in the area. More effort should be made to develop some of them as closed wetlands. I would use the example of the area we have a covenant on at [REDACTED] as such a wetland. This is much more reminiscent of the original vegetation of the area. The environmental values of this type of wetland are different from the open wetlands being developed in the new estates in the area. I wish to make it clear that at no time have Melbourne Water or their consultants contacted me or any member of my family even though works they have already undertaken have had a negative impact on our operations.</p>		
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