

Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Australia



The devastating Queensland floods of January 2011 prompted calls for a fundamental change in flood risk reduction. Most proposals never left the drawing board. However, the Lockyer Valley Regional Council, where 19 people were killed by flash flooding, acted to reduce risks despite political resistance and bureaucratic turmoil. The Council, in partnership with the local community, established a voluntary land-swap initiative in the town of Grantham.

So far, more than 85 percent of eligible residents have moved into new homes and flood risk to the town has been virtually eliminated. The project has been lauded as a benchmark example of disaster risk reduction. The thorough community consultation and quick decision making relating to the voluntary land-swap initiative, and subsequent visible action aimed to increase local community resilience. It prompted media and political attention both regionally and nationally.

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