

## **gippslandfloodoverlay**

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**From:** Danny O'Brien <Danny.O'Brien@parliament.vic.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 11 July 2025 9:14 AM  
**To:** gippslandfloodoverlay  
**Subject:** Re: Petition escalation (Case Ref: GI132989)

Steve Dimopoulos, the Environment Minister, although also in part to the Water Minister.

In this case I've written to Dimopoulos

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**Sent:** Friday, July 11, 2025 7:09:04 AM  
**To:** Danny O'Brien <Danny.O'Brien@parliament.vic.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Petition escalation (Case Ref: GI132989)

Hi Danny,

Thank you for the response and explanation.

Apologies for my ignorance, which minister is the CMA answerable to?

Regards  
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**From:** Danny O'Brien <Danny.O'Brien@parliament.vic.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 July 2025 5:55 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: Petition escalation (Case Ref: GI132989)

Hi Henry,

Thanks for the follow up. Perhaps I wasn't clear in my response, but answers to those detailed questions is what I have requested in my correspondence to the Minister. The CMA is answerable to the public via the Minister and hence that is the best way for me to get answers to your questions,

The way the process works is the Minister's office will seek a response from his department and the CMA to answer my letter.

I'll be in touch when I get a response.

Yours sincerely,

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**Subject:** RE: Petition escalation (Case Ref: GI132989)

Dear Danny,

Thank you for the reply and your support.

In my role within the Department of Health, I am acquainted with the typical duration for matters to receive ministerial consideration. 🙄

While the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA) may be undertaking a complex update of its flood maps, it is pertinent to note that <https://coastalrisk.com.au/home> currently features the 2100 projections. The WGCMA has had ample time, specifically since 2016, to complete these revisions; their failure to do so has regrettably resulted in the community being misled. I have initiated a formal complaint with the Victorian Ombudsman concerning this issue, with particular emphasis on the third dot point below. The complaint reference number is **C/25/11503**.

Substantial time and resources have been expended in an endeavour to ascertain any information that corroborates the WGCMA proposal to advance the 2100 2.7-meter levels to 2024. Numerous discussions and correspondences have been conducted with the WGCMA; however, a definitive response has yet to be provided.

Upon review of the provided resources and the WGCMA's decision, several significant points of contention arise: (details in attached document)

- **Lack of Scientific Basis for Acceleration:** It appears the WGCMA has, without presenting scientific evidence or substantive factual basis, unilaterally advanced the sea level rise projection for 2100 2.7 m to the year 2024. This action lacks clear hydrological or climate science support within the supplied documentation.
- **Contravening Government Provisions:** Furthermore, the WGCMA's approach appears to contravene specific provisions outlined in the Victorian Government's Coastal Inundation Sea Level Rise Storm Tide 2100 guidelines.
- **The sale of property was permitted during this period.** The WGCMA and the Victorian Government **have demonstrably abrogated their duty of care**. This is evidenced by the authorization of planning permits with explicit knowledge of altered flood overlay guidelines.

A formal request for answers to these questions from the WGCMA would be appreciated at an official level.

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**From:** Danny OBrien MP <[danny.obrien@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:danny.obrien@parliament.vic.gov.au)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Petition escalation (Case Ref: GI132989)

Dear Henry,

There is no formal escalation protocol following the closure of the petition.

The petition has now been presented to the Minister and it is up to the Minister to choose how, or if, to respond. That said I will certainly be keeping the pressure on the Minister to acknowledge the support behind the petition and will be raising the success of the petition in local media.

Outside of Parliament I have continued conversations with WGCMA and Council representatives and am keenly awaiting updated mapping that is currently in progress. However I am advised that due to the technical detail and complexities associated with this work the process is still a number of months away from completion.

I have written to the Minister to seek his advice on the detailed technical questions you have outlined. A response from the Minister can take up to eight weeks and I will be in touch as soon as I have one to hand.

Please be assured that I will continue to advocate strongly for commonsense to prevail.

I will be in touch again as soon as further information is at hand.

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** Henry Luiz  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 June 2025 11:54 AM  
**To:** Danny O'Brien  
**Subject:** Petition escalation

Dear Danny,

The petition has concluded, amassing a total of 4,335 signatures. We thank you for your support in this petition

We now seek clarification regarding the subsequent stages of the escalation protocol.

Considerable time and resources have been dedicated to identifying any information that supports the WGCMA's proposal to advance the 2100 2.7m levels to 2024.

We respectfully request your time and attention in reviewing the attached document and offering your feedback

Regards

Henry

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