



IMPORTANT

Community Information

Frequently Asked Questions

1 COULD MY HOUSE FLOOD?

Inglewood is on a flood plain, so you should consider flooding a possibility. Whether your house will flood or not also depends on the depth of the water and the height of the house. Even if your yard floods it is possible that your house is high enough to protect your belongings. Council is preparing a Flood Action Guide which will include flood maps, so that all residents can check their own property.

2 HOW LIKELY IS A FLOOD IN INGLEWOOD?

This depends on the size of the flood. Smaller floods are more likely than very large floods. A flood could happen at any time. Inglewood has been lucky not to have a big flood since 1976, but this does not mean that flooding is unlikely. The chance that some flood water will get into town is about **10 to 1** in any given year. To get an idea of the chance of different floods we can use the SES shed as a landmark.

Depth of flood water at SES shed	Odds (in any given year)
Between 0.5 meters and 1.0 meter	50 to 1
Between 1 meter and 1.5 meters	100 to 1
Between 1.5 meters and 2.0 meters	500 to 1

3 SO, BIG FLOODS AREN'T LIKELY THEN?

This depends how you look at it. We wouldn't expect to see many big floods in Inglewood, **but if you live in town for 70 years, then there is a 50-50 chance that you would live through a flood that gets as high as 1.5 meters at the SES shed; and possible that it could occur more than once.** When a flood this size occurs it will be a big impact on the town, so it's important that you are as prepared as you can be for flooding.

4 HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR A FLOOD IN INGLEWOOD?

There are lots of things that you can do to prepare for a flood. The most important things to do are to prepare your home, prepare an emergency and evacuation kit, and check on your neighbours. For detailed information on what to do you can visit www.getready.qld.gov.au.

5 WHEN DO I NEED TO EVACUATE MY PROPERTY?

If flooding is possible then Council, and the Local Disaster Management Group, will provide information and warnings to the Inglewood community. These warnings may come via radio, television, Council's website, Facebook, mobile phone, landline telephone, door knocking and other methods where possible. If major roads are not cut, then residents will probably be evacuated towards Warwick. It is vital that you follow the advice in these warnings and leave early to avoid being isolated.

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If a very fast flood happens, then it is possible that roads out of town will be cut before you have time to leave. In this event you will most likely be evacuated to the South of the town, either to the Cemetery or Browns Road. This would only be to shelter for a short time until roads open again.

It is important to remember, if a very fast flood happens, there may be minimal advance warning. Residents should be prepared to **evacuate at extremely short notice if directed to do so**. This includes having a household emergency kit with essential food, water, medication, toiletries and pet supplies ready, as well as any personal possessions you wish to bring with you. For further information on preparing for flooding and other disasters in Queensland, visit the Get Ready Queensland website at <https://getready.qld.gov.au>

6 IS THE TOWN PROTECTED BY COOLMUNDA DAM?

No, Coolmunda Dam has very little impact on floods in Inglewood. At best it may delay the flood by a few hours. Coolmunda Dam is not designed to provide flood protection.

7 WILL THIS FLOOD MAPPING INCREASE MY INSURANCE COSTS?

This is unlikely, although the cost of insurance can go up or down regularly depending upon lots of things. If insurance companies are not sure about flooding in an area, they tend to increase prices 'just in case'. Providing the best possible flood maps can prevent this happening and make sure that residents aren't paying more than they need to.

8 WILL MY PROPERTY PRICE BE AFFECTED BY FLOOD MAPPING?

This is unlikely. In Australia lots of towns release their flood mapping, and all Councils in Queensland are required to publish a form of flood mapping as part of the planning scheme. The impact of releasing this mapping on property prices has been studied, and no long term price changes have been found. If a large flood were to happen in Inglewood, then this could impact property prices. That is why it is important that the community is as prepared as possible and that flood maps are released. We must do everything possible to reduce the impacts of flooding and high quality flood maps are an important part of this.

9 WHO CAN I TALK TO ABOUT MY INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCE?

Goondiwindi Regional Council will hold a series of community meetings / resilience building activities in Inglewood over the coming months. You can attend one of the planned community activities and speak with our disaster management staff about your individual circumstance. Alternatively, you can contact your local Customer Service Centre and make an appointment to speak or meet with our disaster management staff to discuss any concerns that you may have.