

Date 20th July, 2009

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To all Media Outlets,

**RE: Collection of Rainfall Recordings - May 2009 Flood.**

Dex Consulting has been engaged by Kempsey Shire Council, NSW State Emergency Services and the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change to collect, analyse and report rainfall data for the period prior to the flood of May, 2009 in the Macleay River catchment.

Rainfall data acquired from individuals will be used to complement the automatic rainfall stations within the catchment. All recordings upstream of Kempsey should prove useful. Of particular interest are rainfall recordings held by private individuals in the central area of the Macleay catchment upstream of Willawarrin.

The period of interest is the month of May, 2009 however records of earlier rainfall events would also be useful. It is preferable that the records be daily readings taken at 9:00am each day though recordings taken at other times are still required, particularly in areas where there is a lack of nearby recordings. The readings are to be copied and verified, with the location of the recording site also provided.

The collected private data will be collated and used to expand the flood intelligence, emergency response systems and future floodplain management studies for the Macleay River.

Persons who would like to contribute rainfall data to this report are requested to contact Dex Consulting by telephone on 6562 7139 or (preferably) by email at [mike@dexconsulting.com.au](mailto:mike@dexconsulting.com.au).

Yours Sincerely,



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