

## Emergency Management & Climate Change

There was a significant flooding event in May. While such an event is rare, it is fairly clear that climate change will increase such occurrences, and their cost to businesses, property owners, and councils is in the hundreds of millions of dollars per event.

Hobart's stormwater drainage is woefully inadequate for such events, and within HCC area this was most clearly recognised in South Hobart near the rivulet, although there were many other areas also heavily affected by land slippage.

Generally when politicians talk about climate change, they talk about mitigation (that most ineffective of strategies), or other measures not affecting climate change at all, like recycling or solar panels. Recycling and solar panels can be excellent for different reasons... but they do nothing about climate change. Upgrading Hobart's outdated underground infrastructure isn't sexy - it's out of sight and out of mind to voters - but it's a primary responsibility for local government, and by far the most significant measure Hobart City Council can take to affect the likely consequences of climate change.