

Appendix 7: Copperlode Falls Dam Emergency Media Release Templates

Copperlode Falls Dam Emergency Evacuation Notice



Disaster Management Unit **MEDIA RELEASE**

Updated information

Date:

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FOR URGENT BROADCAST

Emergency Evacuation Notice – properties downstream of Copperlode Dam

Residents in the vicinity of Freshwater Creek are to evacuate to higher ground immediately.

A failure of the Copperlode Dam has occurred and inundation of low-lying areas is imminent.

Able-bodied people should evacuate on foot – do not move your vehicle.

Repeat – residents in low-lying areas along Freshwater Creek are to evacuate to higher ground immediately.

Further information will be forthcoming

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Failure of Copperlode Dam - inundation of low-lying areas

A failure of the Copperlode Dam has occurred and inundation of low-lying areas along Freshwater Creek is in progress.

An evacuation notice has been issued and all residents are required to move to higher ground, on foot, as a matter of urgency.

The creek is expected to rise by up to 6 metres and significant damage to property and infrastructure may occur.

Affected residents are asked to remain on higher ground until further notice. Other members of the public are advised to remain clear of the affected area.

Do not cross flooded roads or bridges.

Emergency services personnel are en route to assist those affected.

Information relating to places of refuge for affected residents will be released by the Disaster Management Unit shortly.

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