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## Mapua drive flooding

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Hi there.

Unfortunately I was not able to attend last Monday's meeting on Sept 12th. Due to being in a lot of pain.

A concern that we have which i wanted to raise at the meeting, Is During the heavy rain events a few weeks back, we taken a lot of water from neighbouring properties especially from those that were subdivided up the hill between Seaton valley road and the roundabout on Mapua drive, at the heaviest down fall between 2am and 4 pm our paddocks on 179 Mapua flooded, we were up checking on stock, as we investigated were the water was coming from, we discovered it back flowed from the subdivision above us, it is supposed to cross under mapua drive and into Aranui park but due to a few things, Mainly lack of maintenance from council, the water couldn't go into Aranui park,

1 the culvert under the road isn't big enough to carry the water, this pipe should of been increased in size when the subdivision was approved, to cope with the increase in water flow when it rains, as we know water from roofs and driveways runs of quicker than if it was still in its natural state, which the current pipe was originally designed for.

2 Water also flowed back from Aranui park into us, a simple flood gate on both culverts would have stopped this.

3 There is a pond directly behind the old tavern in Aranui park, were the culvert from our side runs into, this pond has not been cleaned out for a long time and it's full of silt and grass, This pond and a second pond further in the park is in a similar unmaintained state, Both need cleaning out.

4 this is a more expensive one, but was in the previous plan, but never done, but now with the current development plus the new developments that have been approved more water is going through here at a faster rate, the culvert pipe underneath Aranui Road by the substation cell towers crossing underneath to the school is way to small for the length and the volume of water, which this pipe cant cope with,

we watched the water backing up into the park while at the school end there was plenty of room to take more water,

As we and our 3 neighbouring houses are directly affected by this, it is of urgency to have these areas mentioned above maintained and upgraded, before the [166 Mapua drive](#) development starts, it is not fair that we have to hold neighbouring subdivisions run off at our expense.

Can the Community association approach the council on behalf to get these works done.

I look forward to your responce.

Kind regards

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David / Dwayne,

I wanted to thank you for TDC's presentation on the CMP this past Monday evening - it was very well received and we look forward to continued engagement as the work progresses.

I am forwarding an email received today from Mapua residents concerned about flooding of their properties at and around [179 Mapua Drive](#) that they consider to have been exacerbated by a number of issues (see below).

Would you please direct this to the appropriate TDC staff and have them respond, copying MDCA.

Best regards,  
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