

Recommendations to the Bureau of Meteorology
from
Lismore Citizens Group
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1. Develop a process that enables current local rainfall and creek heights from identified contacts to be reported directly to the BoM
2. Establish a fully integrated information and communication system that includes local intelligence and is visible on the BoM website
3. Once established, the fully integrated BoM information and communication system be part of a common integrated system incorporating all emergency agencies and the community
4. BoM develop and implement two new warning categories with processes to update each subsequent warning as a flood event is developing
 - 1 Floodwatch - potential for a flood
 - 2 Initial Flood Warning - probability of a flood
 - 3 Minor Flood warning
 - 4 Moderate Flood warning
 - 5 Major Flood warning
 - 6 Final Flood Warning

5. BoM Warnings must be updated at least hourly once an Initial Flood Warning is issued and during the ongoing development stage of a flood
6. BoM Warnings for each category be worded appropriately to integrate with key local consequences

e.g. *“Wilsons River is expected to exceed 7.2 metres and likely reach 11 metres (which will overtop the levee in Lismore) early (at approx. 4 am) Friday morning”*