

## **Developing the urban floodplain: Will / can the precautionary principle prevail over the technological fix?**

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### *Abstract:*

Australian cities have experienced flooding since the earliest days of white settlement yet nothing has stopped Australians' enthusiasm for building on flood plains and /or along the Coast. The economic drivers are simply too potent... or are they? In an age of heightened environmental awareness and increasing vulnerability to climate change are we improving our approach to flood plain development in theory or in practice? Are the scales starting to reflect a different set of weightings? This paper explores the theory and practice of flood plain development in urban areas through the lens of planning law.

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