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## MPs advise do a U-turn at floodwaters

Local MPs have warned motorists and homeowners of the upcoming flood season in and around Rockhampton and the Capricorn Coast.

The warning highlights the yearly campaign created by Queensland Fire and Emergency Services titled, "If it's flooded, forget it."

The awareness campaign aims to address QFES' concerns that drivers will intentionally drive through floodwaters with their vehicle, putting themselves and emergency responders in danger.

The Member for Rockhampton Barry O'Rourke said "If you are driving up to flooded waters, back it up and make a U-turn.

"We want motorists to understand that if they do decide to drive into flooded waters, their decision will affect others as well.

"Not only will SES members be called in to assist in dangerous flood waters, but a flooded vehicle can cause further damage to roads and cause longer delays than necessary."

He said QFES has also provided advice for homeowners during heightened seasons of flooding, including specific contact numbers if a home becomes inundated during a storm.

The Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga said "What's most important is people's safety.

"If you know your home is in a flood-prone area, prepare an emergency plan to leave in case of emergency.

"That means getting a kit together of food, blankets, batteries, water, a working radio – and a plan of where to go if your house becomes flooded.

"When your family is better prepared, that means our emergency service workers can work in a mobile and agile manner to assist our communities.

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“And thanks to campaigns like ‘If it’s flooded, forget it,’ we all can learn to do our part to keep our communities safe.”

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