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Inquiry into West Belconnen  
supercell thunderstorm

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Just to add to this on my morning walk around my suburb this morning I see this!



One rule for us and another for them. When this branch takes this main supply line down in the next storm it will likely be many thousand more home that will be affected.

Anyway, I will jus go outside and smash my head against the brick wall as I and so many others will probably get more benefit from this.....

As a family that was and continues to be heavily affected by the January 2022 storms that ripped through Belconnen and surround's;

Several things come to mind which have occurred in the ACT now for many years.

The supply of large Eucalyptus trees for people to plant in their Canberra gardens is a practice that either needs to stop or the government needs to take full responsibility for any damage and loss of life these trees will cause.

Approximately 1 month after the storm a large tree that was in our backyard fell over at around 10 pm as a result of the January storm and every attempt we have made to have a large tree still standing in our backyard removed has fallen on the deaf ears of the government.

We have a quote to have this wonderful gift from the government of \$16500 to be removed and in the 23 years we have lived in our home we have spent around \$50000 having these wonderful, ever giving gifts, trimmed from the power lines in our yard.

After the storm we along with another 2000 households were without electricity for 6 days, a disgusting response for Australia's National Capital, and all in the name of saving money by reducing permanent staff and using volunteers and contractors to do this work so as to show that money is being saved.

This has another huge follow on effect, these people worked tirelessly and to the point of total exhaustion thus putting them in danger of being injured but the organisations that have contracted these people are immune from providing any form of compensation because they subcontract the work thus eliminating their responsibility to look after the safety of these people.

It saddens me that our country is heading down the toilet very rapidly along with the rest of the world as we know it.

To me this is just another smoke screen that is being deployed as I have lived in this beautiful city for longer than quite a few of you have been alive and have seen the efforts of the current ACT government in destroying it.

Regards

Bill Fulton

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