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Making Communities Safer in Times of Flood: the Story of the Floodplain Management Authorities of New South Wales

Floodplain Management Authorities have recently published a book about the problems caused by flooding in New South Wales and the attempts that have been made to alleviate them. It covers the evolution of efforts to warn people of coming floods, the development of emergency rescue and relief endeavours and the attempts to educate people about the flood threat and what they can do to manage it. Its primary focus however is on the evolution of "flood management" -- the movement away from "structures to fix the flood" (the efforts to 'tame' floods and change floods), to the integrated solutions of flood risk management (where the community 'lives' with the flood and recognise that floods are an essential part of our ecosystem). In particular the book examines the role of the Floodplain Management Authorities of New South Wales, a group of local government Councils and specialist flood organisations formed in 1961 to further the cause of flood mitigation and now a leading advocate of Floodplain Management in Australia.

The book is written by Chas Keys, who served with the NSW State Emergency Services from 1990 to 2004 when he retired as Deputy Director General. Chas has written other books dealing with emergency management and presented papers at Australian and International conferences on this subject.

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