

Resilience works:

Home retrofitted

Typology: Slab on ground
double storey

The homeowners purchased their property in 2009 and quickly discovered overland flow flooding was a recurring concern. By 2012, the severity of backyard flooding and gurgling sewer pipes left them deeply anxious during heavy rains.

Having witnessed neighbours' homes inundated within an hour of a storm — and the heartbreak of them losing sentimental items — they decided to take action when a Brisbane City Council Floodwise leaflet arrived.



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Through a program, they invested in resilience works that transformed both the home and their peace of mind.

“The resilience measures made a huge difference to our daily lives,” they said, describing how water-resistant cabinetry, tiled skirting, and solid timber doors far exceeded what they had before.

Even features they were unsure about, like tiled skirting, proved invaluable: “Surprisingly, the tile skirting has ensured the inside of our home is protected, clean and presentable — even with young kids and a dog.”

When the February 2022 floods struck, the entire property flooded. Water and sewage entered through the laundry, but thanks to the resilience measures, the damage was contained and they were able to stay in their home.

“We were fortunate enough to remain here while some of our neighbours were displaced for more than 12 months. Our ability to return to regular life is directly attributed to having the resilience works completed.”

Since then, they have developed action plans and flood-readiness strategies with guidance from their architect and builder.

“A resilient home reduces anxiety in flood events, allows you to stay in your home, and reduces the environmental impact of rebuilding”