Australia: Down Under (Literally)

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The article that I found from the New York Times discusses vast flooding in Western Australia, due to large amounts of rain that has inundated Brisbane since November. The article mentions that 25 people have died, and 25,000 families would be homeless due to rising waters for months. Since this would be tropical season for Australia, rain is expected, but El Nino has saturated the city way beyond expectations. The article says that cities surrounding the Brisbane and Bremer rivers will suffer a mess of “post-war proportions.” Not only does this leave thousands of people affected by a disaster, but most homes did not have flood insurance, so physical and financial issues are causing a worry across Brisbane and surrounding cities. The take-home point for this issue is the need to be prepared for flooding and other natural disasters to prevent a catastrophic aftermath. Flooding causes special damage when a lack of preparation meets a populated area. The literal standpoint from this article aims to provide insight into a torn area that will need months to rehabilitate. This is important, or enlightening to read, because I remember when Hurricane Katrina struck; it did not only tear a city apart, but it also sparked a myriad of controversy as to who was to blame for the slow recuperation. This article only objectified Brisbane’s well being. On the other hand, this article shows me the deepest core of conflict when it comes to flooding, will we be okay after this is over?