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Good Morning

My name is _____ and I live in the Keerrong Valley, north of Lismore. I have lived here for 15 years and I have seen Lismore flood many times.

Apart from being flooded in for a week, no power for a week, no phone or internet for a week, I was relatively unaffected.

My pool was the issue. Full of mud and silt. Which got me thinking about the Wilsons River.

Boats were once used to transport goods up and down the Wilsons River. The last shipping company ceased operations in the 1960's.

This would mean that the Wilsons River was deep enough for boats back then, probably due to continued maintenance and dredging.

Every time the Wilsons River floods, my pool floods with silt and mud. Therefore, the Wilsons River must be full of silt and mud as well.

The river must become shallower with every flood and during the last flood in February, it took days for the water to move.

Even if the balance of the catchment is at sea level, surely dredging the river system would enable more water to move and reduce the height of future floods.

I believe that systematic dredging of the Wilsons River system will alleviate flood heights and allow rain water to flow away.

Thank you