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**To:** [Flood Inquiry](#)  
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Good Afternoon,

I am a resident of Ballina NSW.

I was not affected directly by the recent floods, but I heard neighbours and friends voice their concerns and anguish about the situation.

I would like to know about the cause of the flooding, in Ballina, in particular.

Apparently the river mouth at the end of the Richmond River, where it ends at the Ballina south wall, used to be dredged in the old days.

Is this true? And if so, why did that practice cease?

Surely, if it has contributed to the Ballina flooding, the government needs to consider re-instating the dredging, REGARDLESS OF COST.

Thank you,

Ballina NSW