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I would like to make this observation with regard to both the flood of March 31, 2017 and the flood of February 28, 2022.

In the 12/24 hours leading up to the peak of the flood in both instances I was listening almost constantly to the flood warnings being issued on ABC Radio North Coast. At no time on either occasion were we given warning that the Brunswick River, the river which affects flood levels here in Mullumbimby and which flows around my property on three sides, was indicating a major flood. In the 2017 flood warnings I only ever heard the forecast of "minor flood warning". I think it was the same this past February, although perhaps there was some moderate flood warning at some point, but still, no reason for worry as we've survived such warnings in the past with the water only coming up through the lower paddock and below the back path.

So why has this happened? Not once, but twice now? With no major flood warnings I have lost 2 cars, 2 washing machines, 2 dryers and everything in the shed ruined and everything under my house (like firewood, paint, dozens of seedlings and countless other bits and pieces). There was a major flood warning - it came around 3 or 4 am, when I am sound asleep, and when I got up at 5-20 am to check on my car, it was already too late to do anything about saving anything.

This is not good enough. With all the technology and communication systems available today, how is this even possible?

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