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Governments need to think outside the square. They have not learnt anything from the bushfires, droughts and flood disasters in recent years. You need people with experience and common sense to make the right decisions.

The floods at Lismore and the small towns on the Northern Rivers can be greatly reduced by selecting the right areas and diverting a lot of the water to the ocean with **FLOOD CHANNELS.**

There is a flood channel at Woodburn but it would work better if it was made much wider and Rocky Mouth Creek also cleaned out.

The bar at Ballina and the small outlet at Evans Head cannot take such a large amount of water that we saw in February and March this year. We need another channel to the ocean to take the Bungawalbyn water as well as the Richmond River water.

We have to be smarter in our thinking. Climate Change is not going away and will only get worse and so will the floods.

My name is and our family have lived on the Northern Rivers for over 25 years and we have seen quite a few floods in that time.

Please take the time to consider my suggestion of the **FLOOD CHANNELS.**

I would also appreciate some feedback.

Kind Regards