From:

To: Flood Inquiry

Subject: Flooding/ Natural Disaster at Bogangar / Cabarita Beach , Northern NSW.

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Myself and my family live in Bogangar, in two adjoining properties. Cudgen lake/ cudgen creek run along the back of the Creek/lake.

We have lived there for 36 years, and experienced numerous rain events.

The February 28th event was 900mm higher than anything else experienced.

What is of greatest concern to me is the drainage or more exactly, the lack of drainage after this event. For 304 days the water level through my properties did not move.

The lake and creek are tidal, flowing into the ocean at Kingscliff.

Over the years, the drainage in and around Bogangar has become ineffective.

Developments between Bogangar and Kingscliff has meant that there is so much more hard surface runoff into Cudgen Creek, overloading its ability to flow. The Creek has become blocked, Cudgen has become blocked. In my opinion this needs to be remedied. Overflow pipes half way along the Cudgen Creek, where the distance to the ocean is only approximately 500 metres would be an excellent point to start researching/investigating possible solutions.

Filling building blocks with no possible chance of drainage is not the solution. According to NSW Government websites, Cudgen Creek and Lake are tidal and therefore there are allowances for dredging. This should be a short term action, and look to pipe overflow water to the ocean as the next action.

Thanking You

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