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Byron Shire Council

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Dear Sir

I write this letter with deep regret that we (the land owners of South Golden Beach) wish to lodge a formal complaint to the Byron Shire Council for the inaction of rectifying the flood problems of this area.

It has been very well documented that the area of South Golden Beach, New Brighton and Ocean Shores have had serious flood inundations over the last 50 odd years.

Byron Shire Council has provided very little remedial flood mitigation works to reduce the impacts of flooding in this area. Byron Shire Council had installed a large flood pump at the end of Helen St to try to alleviate the damage to property. However, the pump has not worked during flood events of last 5 years and in that time we have had 2 x 1 in 100 year flood events and the latest event which occurred on 28/2/2022 Being a 1 in 500 -1000 year event. New disaster mitigation methods are needed and now being called for by the Federal and State Governments.

The pump situation at South Golden Beach is nothing but a band aid. Levees have also been used to mitigate flood, but this has only created a dam between Redgate Rd. from the south, along the eastern side of Capricornia Canal up to Gloria St. to the northern end of South Golden Beach.

It is now time for Byron Shire Council to implement a much sounder approach to flood mitigation within this area. With the Prime Minister announcing significant financial support for upgrades in the Northern Rivers, I strongly hope that the Byron Shire Council would be on the front foot in striving to put forward a more long term solution and infrastructure. This issue within the community is even more desperate than ever and I urge you and your team to investigate better options (such as the one outlined below) for flood mitigation in the areas of South Golden Beach, New Brighton & Ocean Shores. A push by Bryon Shire Council for the necessary funding (whilst it is topical and especially since the Federal & State Governments are allocating money and advocating for long term solutions) is vital to avoid the misery that has been caused by inaction over many years.

I am proposing Byron Shire Council investigate the use of storm water drains which run in an east/west street direction and exist on the beach. This same method has been implemented along the foreshore of the Miami / Nobbys beach areas of the Gold Coast.

During the same weather event which occurred on the 28/2/2022 there was very little scarping of the beach dune areas at on the Gold Coast (please refer to photos below). I'm sure the Gold Coast City Council would provide details of this kind of infrastructure especially under the recent tragic events for the people of Northern New South Wales.









Should you wish to clarify any issues contained in the above letter, please do not hesitate to contact  
on telephone .

Yours faithfully.