To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views on the future of our town via a flood inquiry.

I would like to contribute my thoughts about moving forward. I grew up in Lismore and we lost our business in North Lismore to the flood. I want the town to thrive and grow.

## Most importantly, there is no way to stop Lismore flooding and once we accept this fact, I think it is imperative for us and the next generation that we move the town.

Personally I cannot return our business to anywhere that floods due to the associated stress and our inability to move heavy equipment when it floods again. Whilst I mourn the loss of the town the way it was, we need to look to the future and insure growth for the next generation.

I am eager for development and commercial space to become available up higher, we are desperately looking and applying for appropriate spaces to no avail.

## I hope that a land swap will be available for land owners and further that the 100 year old timber buildings can be relocated. These are iconic and important buildings and have so much character and strength and longevity.

Sincerely, --Best wishes,

Lismore NSW 2480

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