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To: [Flood Inquiry](#)
Subject: Recent Flood Experiences in the Northern Rivers of NSW
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Dear Inquiry,

Although our actual home wasn't impacted by flood damage because our home is above the mean level of Ballina CBD, we were impacted by the fact that all the major roads around our Over 55's Retirement Living Complex at Palm Lake Resort Ballina, were closed through flooding. This included North Creek Road, Tamarind Drive, Kerr Street and The Pacific Highway(River Street section) at West Ballina, as well as the newly installed Airport Drive Roundabout on North Creek Road.

The disappointing thing is that the Local Ballina Shire Council just finished upgrading/installing the Airport Roundabout as well as the westbound section of River Street, but did NOT think about the ability of those sections of road to adequately provide suitable drainage to ensure the roads would not be flood-prone during King Tides as the waters rose and came back out of the drainage system.

The result of this is that if a true emergency arose, such as someone suffering a heart attack in our area, or someone needed to go or return from our major regional airport at Ballina, there would be no way of obtaining help by road.

After the money, energy, and time spent as well as inconvenience to motorists and pedestrians alike during these constructions, one is left to shake their heads in shame that this most basic consideration of adequate drainage was seemingly not taken into account during construction.

I would very much like to receive a reply as to why this wasn't taken into account.

Yours sincerely,

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