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Submission details

I am making this submission as

A member of the general public

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I am making a personal submission

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Share your experience or tell your story

Your story

Assisted in cleanup. Some weather damage from heavy rain which is manageable

Terms of Reference (optional)

The Inquiry welcomes submissions that address the particular matters identified in its [Terms of Reference](#)

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Not acting on damage from previous floods to move existing residents of North and south Lismore to areas safe of flooding

1.2 Preparation and planning

Look at:
Land swaps or purchase and reasonable pay out for houses in affected areas
Moving habitable houses to new land development in flood safe locations
Build medium density housing for residents interested in moving into this type of housing
Return area in north and south Lismore into parklands and/or allow commercial properties with simple hose out type sheds, ie concrete slab, colourbond and hardiplank construction
Do not allow additional residential housing in these areas

1.3 Response to floods

Move repairable houses to flood free areas using land rezoned for this purpose
Pay market rate for houses prior to the flood
Respect the rights of existing landholders in areas proposed for rebuilding through considerable consultation and agreement before approvals to develop
Consider multiple solutions to the management of water movement from the upper catchments based around engineering solutions through community consultation and qualified consultants not ideology
Act quickly, don't let this drag out but make sure this time it is done

1.4 Transition from incident response to recovery

Act quickly, don't let this drag out
Look at water management solutions based on educated discussions not ideological ones
Look at land rezoning through comprehensive consultation
Look at identifying those willing to sell and move so that the enormity of the project can be better understood
Look at land swaps, house relocation
Payout for existing houses

You must respect those people in identified areas for house relocation or construction as they have worked hard to buy in these areas for peace and quiet around the similar people
Look at whether some locations can be converted to medium density housing for those willing to move into townhouses or units

1.5 Recovery from floods

Respect all those people that will be affected by the movement of people from North and south Lismore not just those moving. What will you do for those who already live in areas away from flooding and worked hard to get there, where people may be moved to
Ensure adequate infrastructure, such as roads, are in place to manage changes to the existing design of these locations
Don't upset some to make others happy. This needs to be balance with comprehensive community consultation

1.6 Any other matters

Ensure the committee engaged for this task is balanced. Don't include previous government employees with poor track records, like previous mayors or councillors. Look at the financial management histories of proposed people
Take measured approaches to implementing controversial decisions
Consult widely to ensure decisions are made based on thorough research and community feedback

Supporting documents or images
