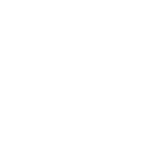


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Your story

I am employed by Southern Cross University but this is a purely personal perspective. I had the opportunity to observe and record first hand the crisis and recovery response at the University. I also had numerous friends and colleagues who were dramatically affected by the floods. Some lost homes, one lost a family member.

Terms of Reference (optional)

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1.2 Preparation and planning	Upstream notification should be implemented as an early warning system to allow people to prepare better.
1.3 Response to floods	Connectivity as everyone has said was a major issue in the crisis phase. A less fragile mobile network is essential.
1.5 Recovery from floods	Rebuilding the CBD in a flood-proof zone, close to the current CBD seems like the most sensible and practical option available to us. There is also a real opportunity to design a resilient city centre that has community at its core, that can provide safe and affordable housing and spaces for people to still live with and enjoy their tight-knit community. I believe Southern Cross University could play an important part in the conceptualisation of the 'new' Lismore. We have internationally renowned biogeochemists and environmental scientists, visual artists and creatives, engineers and social scientists, many of whom are also residents in the Lismore region. They know the area intimately and have a deep emotional connection to the recovery effort but they also have the skills and experience to make a valuable contribution. I believe we should see the rebuilding as an opportunity to create something unique – low-cost, resilient housing that people want to live in because it is designed to foster community and a good standard of living.
1.6 Any other matters	We could have an international architecture competition to utilise the best models that have been developed in other countries when thinking about the future of Lismore. There are many examples of low cost affordable housing in Scotland or cities like Almere, Netherlands that privilege green space and public amenity in residential neighbourhoods.

Supporting documents or images
