

# FLOOD INQUIRY – MULLUMBIMBY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

1. COMMUNICATIONS COLLAPSED FOR SIX DAYS AFFECTING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND BUSINESS, BE THEY DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY FLOOD WATERS OR NOT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, RESERVE BANK AND THE POWERFUL BANKING LOBBY ' FOLLOWING 'RECOMMENDATIONS' FROM THE GLOBAL CENTRAL BANKERS WANT AUSTRALIA TO MOVE TO A CASHLESS ECONOMY. OUR RECENT GROUND TRUTHED EXPERIENCE IS THIS IS A BAD POLICY WITH BAD CONSEQUENCES. ONLY PEOPLE WITH CASH COULD ACCESS FUEL AND FOOD WHILST BUSINESSES HAD DIFFICULTY IN TRADING IF AT ALL. THIS ISSUE OF MOVING TO A CASHING ECONOMY NEEDS TO BE TAKEN TO THE PREMIERS CONFERENCE BECAUSE IT IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO WHAT HAPPENS IN NATURAL DISASTERS BE THEY FLOOD OR FIRE
2. SERVICESNSW'S WEB SITE IS BAD. IT CANNOT BE ACCESSED UNLESS YOU HAVE A MOBILE PHONE NUMBER OR INDEED MOBILE RECEPTION. OPTIONS SUCH AS TEXT, EMAIL OR LAND LINE NUMBER NEEDS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO ACCESS SUPPORT. THIS WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF SERVICESNSW ON THE 20.4.22 AND TO THE HEAD OF RESILIENCE NSW. SERVICESNSW STAFF WERE FRUSTRATED BY THE PROBLEM AND AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF THEIR TIME WAS WASTED BECAUSE OF THIS ISSUE.
3. EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION NEEDS TO BE EXTENDED TO DOMESTIC ANIMALS. IF SUCH ACCOMMODATION CAN BE MADE AVAILALABLE IN UKRAINE, WHY THERE AND NOT HERE?
4. THIS IDEA HAS NOT ORIGINATED FROM ME BUT IS FULLY SUPPORTED. COUNCIL'S AFFECTED BY FLOODS NEED TO REVISE THEIR STRATEGIC PLANS IN LIGHT OF THIS RECENT EVENT. LAND THAT MAY OTHERWISE NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED.
5. NATURAL WATER STORAGE AREAS MUST BE QUARANTINED FROM FILL BECAUSE THE MOST PROFOUND FLOODING IN BRUNSWICK HEADS LAND THAT HAD BEEN INFILLED I.e. WEST OF BYRON STREET/NEWBERRY PARADE AND FORMER WATERCOURSES ADJOINING TWEED STREET.
6. GIVEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGETARY ALLOCATION TO DEFENCE , THE ADF MUST BE AUTOMATICALLY ACTIVATED ONCE A NATURAL EMERGENCY IS DECLARED.

• Insurance - public liability  
• CPC slips / property for public liability