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My husband and I live at . We ourselves do not flood but vast areas around our property are badly submerged and we are flooded in for several weeks . Our roads have been severely damaged .

The one glaring fact that no-one seems to address is the lack of drainage which would hold and divert the torrential rain away from local towns and villages . There do not seem to be proper drainage ditches to take water away from land and houses . The creeks and local waterways are clogged with fallen trees and debris built up over years of neglect . The recent bush fires have added to the debris . (That is another glaring fact loads of fallen debris in local forests laying on the forest floor to fuel the next bush fires). Think of all the debris and rubbish washed into the rivers and streams in this latest disaster . Most of it sinks to the river bed reducing the capacity of the river .

No-one seems to take responsibility for maintaining the size of our rivers . The older generation will tell of big sailboats travelling up to Lismore . Very doubtful whether this could happen now . People were employed to clean the river banks and stop them closing in . We had the floods of 2017 and now these even worse floods . When is someone going to bite the bullet and admit that these rivers need badly dredging and get on with it . TALK is cheap . ACTIONS speak louder than WORDS . WE realise this is not a cheap option but neither is all the recent flooding which possibly could have been lessened if not averted .

DON'T spend years discussing it GET ON WITH IT before the next disaster .

Yours Sincerely