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With reference to Tweed Shire Flooding 2017 - 2022

Our business was established by my father in 1941 at Chillingham where he had a depot. In the late seventies the business had grown and changed direction, we purchased our property at :

Murwillumbah and raised our workshop and office area by half a metre above any known flood height. We moved in 1980 and until 2017 we had never been inundated by flood. We have had many floods during this period and only had water around our depot after the flood had passed but it was at least two metres below our workshop and office and we never lost any machinery, trucks or infrastructure. We have carried out major civil works over a period of forty years, supply and deliver bulk material for construction, roads and have a Concrete Plant.

We operate | Pty Ltd and Pty Ltd from this location and have twenty-five staff plus casuals as required.

On both occasions 2017 and 2022 floods that damaged so many South Murwillumbah homes and businesses were affected by the breach at Greenhills. The volume of water was so great that it took something like eleven minutes once it broke through the road to reach our property in Buchanan Street.

The river is so silted up opposite **Blacks Drain** Greenhills the speed of the flow continued to flow over Tweed Valley Way which was formerly the Pacific Highway and scoured out about twelve metres of the road this is where the inundation starts. I ask the question was the Clarrie Hall Dam opened both these times causing millions of dollars damage to villages, roads, cane land, farms and the southside industrial areas. All of which employ so many people in our local area.

I can remember at least four dredges being used in the Tweed River from Greenhills to Condong at least one remained in the river until about 1998. In 1967- 1968 the sports fields at the end of Brisbane Street where there was swamp had the dredged material pumped in to create Stan Secombe Rugby League Complex, Barrie Smith Hockey Complex, John Rabjones Cricket Oval and Les Cave Soccer Field. Why can't the same thing be done with the material pumped into places like River and Railway Streets to enable residents to raise their homes the majority families in these areas want to remain where they are.

Yours sincerely