

(EGNA)

, POTTSVILLE NSW 2489

NSW FLOOD INQUIRY

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Dear Members of the Inquiry,            Re:- Tweed Shire Council Property No.

At the Meeting on 4.5.22 it was resolved the COMMITTEE of the EGNA, who represent the 45 owners of property in this complex, should present this submission to you:-

What happened here:

- 15 of the 45 homes were flooded. Most others were surrounded by water which was within 3cm of entering their home. Garages at some houses were flooded.
- Stormwater drains were the first to overflow, out onto our road
- Crown Land, on the southern boundary of the complex, filled with water and flowed over the high retaining wall and into our complex.
- That water had fish in it - most likely from the creek

Why homes were flooded:

- In February there were 664mls of rain, 517 of that in the week prior to the flood on 28.2.22. We haven't flooded previously in major rain events or floods.
- The drainage system in Pottsville is inadequate – it coped with 2000 people in 1999, now a population of about 10,000
- No flood mitigation carried out in Pottsville
- The creek overflowed due to the rain, plus a high tide evening of 28.2.22.
- Development is being allowed, over, and too close to, natural watercourses
- "Tar & Cement" development is leaving few areas for the absorption of rainwater

Action which may prevent future flooding:

- Upgrading of the drainage system in Pottsville
- Dredging of the Creek
- Flood mitigation needs to be investigated and implemented
- Closer scrutiny of Development Applications by Councils in flood zones
- Drainage system at properties in the Tweed need to be inspected for compliance with regulations.

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