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1.1 Causes and contributing factors Lack of dredging of rivers.
Lack of adequate escape routes for storm water.
Buildings and housing being built in flood prone areas

1.2 Preparation and planning Dredge the Rivers.
Build canals to take water away.
Stop building in flood zones.
Move Lismore CBD and housing in flood areas to higher ground.
Build the Dunoon Dam.

1.3 Response to floods Have a fulltime Fire Service fully trained in White Water Rescue
Better funding for SES including state of the art equipment.
Move the Lismore CBD and housing to higher

ground.

**1.4 Transition
from incident
response to
recovery**

Have warehouses full of food, clothing, bedding, tents etc close at hand.
If there were less people living in the flood areas there would be less catastrophes for families

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Inquiry into Lismore Floods 2022

As a relative newcomer to the Northern Rivers Region, I may be talking out of place about what I feel should happen to try and help give some input into controlling, limiting and as a long shot possibly eliminating the chances of flooding in the Lismore area.

What I believe any inquiry into this disaster and the prevention of future similar disasters consideration should be given to the following:

- Houses deemed unsuitable for repair, be demolished and the owners bought out at a better than fair price to allow them to purchase a new home on higher ground.
- Houses in the vicinity of destroyed houses be likewise purchased and demolished.
- Land of the demolished houses be turned into Park and Reserve Land.
- Wilsons River be dredged and made wider to accommodate future rains.
- A controlled canal be built and maintained that can be utilised to carry rainwater away from the Wilsons River for some distance out of town and then let it connect back onto Wilsons River. The downside to this might be that additional water could travel towards Casino thereby requiring action to prevent flooding down river.
- Build the Dunoon Dam. This project is long overdue and needs to happen sooner rather than later.
- Find adequate land on higher ground where a new Lismore CBD could be built. This will require the purchase of farmland around the suburbs of Goonellabah and Lismore Heights. Personally, I do not believe the Lismore Golf Course is suitable as it too seems susceptible to flooding.

There are many examples of buildings where Shops, Services, Accommodation, Clubs etc are incorporated into beautiful and functional complexes. All it takes is foresight and determination to bit the bullet and get the ball rolling.

Regards