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I am making this submission as A primary producer

Submission type I am making a personal submission

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Share your experience or tell your story

Your story I am a 4th generation farmer in the sth ballina area. I have a good knowledge of flood history hts passed down from grandfather, fathe and uncle. I also have 50 yrs personal observation as well.
During the flood I was able to monitor river gauges on the BOM and predict flood hts in my local commuinty. I texted this information onto a

number of residents.

Terms of Reference (optional)

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1.1 Causes and contributing factors

My thoughts are that the river has silted up a lot since the mid seventies when dredging of the lower richmond ceased. I think this exasperated flooding in the lower richmond.

There is also a lot of hindrances to drainage cleaning by DPI fisheries

1.3 Response to floods

Ballina Shire council was very prompt at the clean up operation.
Essential energy was very prompt with power supply.

1.6 Any other matters

I applied on line to centrelink for flood allowance 6 weeks ago. I also requested assistance with my application. They have not contacted me since then.

The burns point river gauge appeared to loose accuracy as the river got higher. e.g when it registered 3.0m, my understanding is that the actual ht near by was about 3.3m.

It would help lower richmond residents if there was atleast one other river gauge between Reilys Hill and pimlico .

The BOM use to include a river gauge at the richmond river breakwall. If this gauge was available on the BOM again then this would be

very helpful for the very lower river residents.

Supporting documents or images
