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1.2 Preparation and planning

Hi I'm just casting an idea to prepare for future floods for the Lismore city CBD, without the original CBD there is no Lismore to hold street

festivals etc, (a lost of identity)

My view is to make the city centre a vibrant hub to be proud of by making the area flood resistant, not flood proof which is impossible, -(I came to Lismore just after the 54 flood) -in other words building codes of all repairs and materials would be water resistant eg, concrete walls and composite materials, glass aluminium stone top benches etc, all air conditioning units above a recommended height, of course small fittings like down lights can be below water swimming pool lights, all building rooms can completely be water pressure cleanable and make no damage to the internal building,

All shops or businesses must have a rear roller door or similar for access for a small forklift to enter the building ground floor, and all cabinets and shop goods stored in these show cabinets that are quick and easily removed through the rear roller door on a smooth surfaces.

The centre of the city square shell contain a 4 story car parking station behind the shops with an enter and exit, in flood emergency all shops pack there containers open the roller door and the forklift removes all containers to second to fourth level covered carpark for safety and dry keeping, 8 forklifts will move a lot of containers in one hour, if you don't believe me go to the fruit and vegetables markets for a few hours in any major city, it will blow your mind on the transfer of products,

Now we either live with the floods and accept it and get on with bringing Lismore back to be more vibrant street friendly like New Orleans the Australia way, to move a city is to destroy it, we have the infrastructure in place so use it wisely

As for our treasured inner city valued residence, without them there is no city neighbour hood, I feel there homes should be inspected and government grants delivered to make each and every home flood and water resistant as we can't

make them flood proof neither, all materials of hard wood (not soft wood,) stone top benches aluminium and composite cupboards and drawers walls etc, a total washable inside house in a modern form something to be proud of and a suburb to be proud to live in, it's to reduce property damage and preserve there homes and avoid the insurance trap, a \$10,000 loss every 10 years if that became a benchmark flood time sure beats \$10,000 a year insurance premium or no insurance at all,
Yes this is an expensive and disruptive exercise but far cheaper than destroying a city centre and what we call Lismore the capital of the NORTHERN RIVERS.

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