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I am making this submission as	A resident in a flood-affected area
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- [Oakland Road Upgrade Doc 0.doc](#)
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Upgrade of Oakland Road.

Oakland road is a rural road connecting Wyrallah road to East Coraki road. Its approx. length is 12.5 kms. From the intersection of Oakland Rd and East Coraki Rd into Coraki is approx. 1.5kms. From the intersection of Oakland Rd and Wyrallah Rd into Woodburn is approx. 4.7kms. This gives us a total distance of approx. 18.7kms from Woodburn to Coraki.

The importance of this is that Oakland Rd is a relative high level access road between Woodburn and Coraki and in times of flood it is the last road between these towns to be cut by flood water. More importantly it is the first road to become clear of flood water when the water is receding. There are 4 small sections which need to be built up approx 300mm to provide even better access along this road. The first is on Bank street in Woodburn, a section approx 200 mtrs long, the second a section near the intersection of Oakland Rd and Swan Bay Ferry Rd, approx. 300 mtrs long, the third a section opposite Bungawalbyn Junction approx. 400 mtrs long and the fourth a section 600 mtrs long from the East Coraki Bridge back along East Coraki Rd.

Oakland Rd is predominately a single vehicle wide bitumen road and it needs to be upgraded to a 2 lane wide road to provide a safe rural road access between Woodburn and Coraki. Following the major flood event of February 2022 the volume of traffic on Oakland road, when it became open, was huge. Traffic was made up of private vehicles, emergency services namely RFS, SES and Police, Army vehicles, trucks delivering produce for starving cattle and horses and an army of community volunteers helping flood victims clean up. This traffic has done a massive amount of damage to the road surface and the road verge on both sides of the road.

The importance of this upgrade can not be underestimated as this road provides residents of Woodburn and its surrounding rural areas access to Casino and major grocery department stores, service stations and government departments which was critical after the February 2022 disaster. We need YOU to support Federal and State Governments to provide funding to both Richmond Valley Council and Lismore City Council as Oakland Road runs through both council areas to complete this upgrade. This needs to be a high priority before Flooding strikes again, thank you.