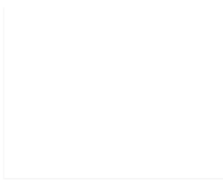


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Submission details

I am making this submission as	A resident in a flood-affected area
Submission type	I am making a personal submission
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1.1 Causes and contributing factors	We are living in a wetland and flood plain. I have smelled the soil in my garden in Train St, Mullumbimby during a "normal" year. It smells
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like swamp, it doesn't smell like soil. I have mapped in my mind the large paperbarks throughout Leftbank Rd, New City Rd, the community gardens, Lomandra Lane and all over the Shire. I have watched as wetland birds, spoon bills and Jabiru, land after a "normal" rainy season in the paddocks at the end of New City Road and listened as the chorus of frogs erupt in clear pools on Lot 22 and through the community gardens. We have built without ecological awareness in the wrong spots. But please don't "fill in the swamps" as they are needed on a grander scale than we know. Though it's likely someone does know, so let's listen. Let's be really intelligent about our planning and we'll really be the progressive Shire we claim to be.

Supporting documents or images
