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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

Consent to make submission public I give my consent for this submission to be made public

Share your experience or tell your story

Your story I live in North Byron and I support the submission by the North Byron District Activation Group. We had unprecedented flooding in our area in February and March with catastrophic damage to a significant number of houses, businesses and infrastructure and we need funding to assist the community with Flood Mitigation and Flood Response. With assistance

we can return safely back to our homes.

Terms of Reference (optional)

The Inquiry welcomes submissions that address the particular matters identified in its [Terms of Reference](#)

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Obviously significant rain event. BUT . . . the absolute lack of maintenance of drains, causeways and waterways by Council played a massive part. Council have repeatedly been requested to undertake maintenance in the north of the shire however have done little before the event. We could see that the floodwaters were increasing because of blocked/ broken pipes and blocked pipe inlets. If this maintenance was done prior to flood then the levels could have been 200-300mm less. This would have saved a number of properties, including ours.

1.2 Preparation and planning

Maintenance. Maintenance. Maintenance

1.3 Response to floods

Response was slow from government in general. Lack of clarity was disappointing. We were so fortunate that our community helped each other

1.6 Any other matters

We are starting to see some action with respect to maintenance of drainage infrastructure. But it needs to continue. The Council will say that they do not have the funding to undertake maintenance that has been long neglected, so we need all levels of government to assist.

Supporting documents or images
