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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 This year I saw the worst flooding yet in my local area and whilst I was fortunate and only had sewerage and water into my garage, most of my neighbors were not so lucky. In 2005 when my road flooded council modelling showed that I would be ankle deep in ocean water by 2020 - this modelling was so inaccurate.

Now I am concerned that outdated and incorrect ocean "modelling" is being used to prevent rectifying a diverted creek - Yelgun Creek, in the Billinudgel Nature Reserve (national Parks) which was diverted into the Ocean Shores (Northern NSW) Capricornia Canal System in 1974 by Byron Shire Council.

This diversion, I believe, is the greatest contributing factor to the enormous amount of flooding that then occurs through areas of Ocean Shores, throughout almost all of South Golden Beach, and causes a back-up of water causing flooding in Billinudgel via Marshalls Creek (which it joins up with.) - this overloaded amount of water that is catching all of the Pocket Catchment, and a large area of the Tweed Catchment - finally comes out in Marshalls Creek at the Brunswick River, near the mouth, and this entrance into the Brunswick River system has also been tampered with by a rock wall being placed in front of the escaping water ! Go figure!! and then Mullumbimby Township floods because all this water is preventing their outflow from their catchment areas from flowing freely out to sea.

Terms of Reference (optional)

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1.1 Causes and contributing factors

3 or 4 huge water catchment areas are all coming into one small creek (Marshalls Creek) to flow out into a blocked outlet into the Brunswick River which collects another huge catchment area up in Mullumbimby, Main Arm, etc - No wonder we are all flooding - this is massive mismanagement of our waterways and totally illogical.

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Yelgun Creek would also appear to be responsible for the M1 flooding just north of Yelgun - this is dangerous and life threatening.

1.6 Any other matters

To me it seems like a no brainer - water runs down hills and finds its way out to sea - it chooses its most direct route and only humans get in and interfere with this - blocking in total about 3 creeks from running their natural course out to sea in my area of Ocean Shores and causing massive flooding , expense and grief - as a result. Affecting areas from Mullumbimby catchment, Pocket/Billinudgel catchment, Yelgun creek catchment which includes the Tweed and blocking the M1 highway.

see this website for maps and documented proof of the interference that has taken place.

http://brunswickvalley.com.au/flood-history/current_updates.htm

I hope you will look into this- without all the complications.

thankyou
Debra

Supporting documents or images
