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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 was on ABC giving my thoughts on relocating Lismore to higher ground and going through this again after spending a month cleaning my house that is now reflooded. We cannot keep doing this, and any flood mitigation plan will fail and destroy natural rainforest. Let's turn Lismore into a community, sporting, native rainforest park and art/music hub. This would put Lismore on the

map and also fit perfectly with the rail trail. Replanting the red cedars and many other native trees would also address climate change. Buisnesses must require a flood plan. There is enough ex-farming land and sporting fields etc in Goonellabah to relocate. Start having this conversation seriously and now! Land swaps, land buy back, allowing/cutting red tape for subdivision based on eligibility criteria that it must be used to relocate flood affected houses/residents. This is the only way forward for our community.

To put it in perspective; I was quoted 50k to raise my house prior to the flood, 20k for stairs and 5-6k for the engineer report. A similar sized house is 80k to move within 100km of Lismore including restumping. Neither included the reconnection of services. Ask yourself, with a 4-5k difference would you choose to raise or relocate a house out of a flood zone? I think most people would choose the latter if they had the choice/opportunity. This is why I don't understand how people think relocation of lowset houses for a start is so out of the question. With political will (on all levels of gov) and vision the cost is on par with raising these homes that would still flood based on increased flood heights and changing climate. I wish this was being more widely considered I.e voluntary land-swaps for most flood affected houses. Temp housing is only a short-term but very needed solution, I would like direction on how we move forward in the longer term as right now it all feels a bit pointless. I need security to rebuild my life, rebuilding my house with proper furnishings etc would be stupidity.

We need longterm solutions to move forward as community and regional city

Terms of Reference (optional)

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

1.6 Any other matters

Relocation of Lismore character homes, land-swaps and land-buybacks.

Supporting documents or images
