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Submission details

I am making this submission as A primary producer

Submission type I am making a personal submission

Organisation making the submission (if applicable) Jason Regan

Your position in the organisation (if applicable) Owner

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 have a residence/ wholesale plant nursery and horse stud bounded on the eastern side by the new highway known as Lang's Way.

On the morning of the flood at 2.45am my wife and I were forced to evacuate our property and having to swim 23 horses and 4 buffaloes out 10 sheep were left behind and most perished.

We were stranded on the bitumen for 6 days.

Our new house 3 yrs old home was built to council regulations out of flood plus 900mm buffer for global warming. The north east corner of the property has never been inundated with water in an previous recorded floods.

This ground in this flood was inundated with 3.3 metres of water.

The property filled up like a bath tub as a direct result of the new highway reducing the size of the flood plain to the south of us (Woodburn) with the property filling up from the south which is the opposite direction of the river which is 1.5km to the west. Therefore severly damaging the house, sheds, equipment, devastating our plants and nursery stock destroying our nursery stock and our paddocks for grazing are still unusable for grazing.

I have on record issues with the RMS from March 2017 when they commenced earth works and changed the natural direction of water flow and have had continual issues with water run off and drainage ever since and RMS has refused to address the matter satisfactory despite surveying the area twice and saying I'm correct. The highway as it stands must be dismantled and built on piers in a similar way as was done over the Kempsey flood plain to avoid this devastation on more frequently basis.

Terms of Reference (optional)

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

Supporting documents or images

Attach files

- [99BEABBE-5776-4D1E-8D9C-6AF37C5A0216.jpeg](#)
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