

**From:** [NSW Government](#)  
**To:** [Flood Inquiry](#)  
**Subject:** Floods Inquiry  
**Date:** Monday, 2 May 2022 11:16:30 AM

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## Your details

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**Title** Mr

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**First name** JOHN

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**Last name** DONNELLY

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**Email**

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**Postcode** 2480

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## Submission details

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**I am making this submission as** A business owner

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**Submission type** I am making a personal submission

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**Organisation making the submission (if applicable)** wrightway products

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**Your position in the organisation (if applicable)** owner

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

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**Share your experience or tell your story**

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**Your story**

Our business is located on the south western side of Ballina St bridge at the end of Foleys Rd South Lismore. It is the old Norco butter factory. Our entire production area had 3 meters of water through it. The flood height warnings Friday and Saturday were not mentioning the severity of the final height. Our floor height is 11.6 meters, we have a second floor height of 16 meters that we could have saved a lot more tooling and equipment by lifting it to there. Not enough notice. We lost all tools and equipment and have washed approximately 8000 wheelie bins and have about 10,000 lids to go.

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**Terms of Reference (optional)**

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

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**1.1 Causes and contributing factors**

I believe the construction of the new Pacific highway in the area Broadwater to New Italy does not have enough openings for the release of water in the amount of water that eventuated in the 28th February flood event. After seeing a photo taken by Layne Beachley from an aircraft showing a huge build up of muddy water on the western side of the new motorway and very little build up on the eastern side. I also believe this damming effect had impact as far upstream as Lismore. I would like this conclusively proven or disproven.

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**1.2 Preparation and planning**

timely and accurate flood height warnings

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**1.5 Recovery from floods**

consider working with local Aboriginal groups for the possible relocation of Cabbage Tree island residents to the North Lismore plateau and start building a new Lismore town center in conjunction with that on the plateau.

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**1.6 Any other matters**

the North Lismore plateau could become a new town center for Lismore. It is close to the existing cbd, is flood safe and it could be a joint venture with the local aboriginal groups for mutual

benefit.

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**Supporting documents or images**

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