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To: [Flood Inquiry](#)
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Submission details

I am making this submission as	A business owner
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Submission type	I am submitting on behalf of my organisation
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Organisation making the submission (if applicable)	Lismore Skin Clinic
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Your position in the organisation (if applicable)	Principal
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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

Your story

My suggestions

1; Flood mitigation; URGENT !!

1;a; remove 2 bad bends in Wilson river
downstream from Lismore

1;b; dredge the Willsons river; Soon + at least
once every 10 years (remove silt from floods etc
)

1;c; Canal to fully divert Leicester creek / river;
A damned big channel to take water from
Leicester creek / river

ie, Divert Leicester creek / river totally ideally !!
down past the back of the airport and join the
Wilson's river downstream from Lismore
(Instead of the 2 rivers converging at Lismore !!
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This has been < planned > for years, and (I
think) the money is available for this

I think it needs minimal extra surveys and
engineering reports

So ... Start digging it Soon ***** - or it will
Never get done. ;-(

The cost will be recouped in reducing town
flooding; I know that you know this

These are very important to give the CBD some
sense of security !

And to think someone in Power (Government)
actually Cares !!!

2; Larger Conditional Grants for businesses to
restart;

Like my Dermatology Medical practice
I lost \$200k worth of equipment etc

Grants would need to be at least \$200k to get
businesses back to Lismore

Even employers who employ less that 20 people;
Surely it is the damage incurred that is important,
not just the number of employees

I am finding it next to impossible to get my
practice back together - mentally and financially

!!

It will most likely never be the same again !
And maybe Lismore isn't the place I want to
continue to practice if no help is forthcoming

3; Larger Conditional Grants for repairing
buildings;

I cannot get a grant to repair my rental building
because it is in my self-managed superannuation
fund !!

There are lots of other building owners in town
who are in the same situation !!
and this is a ridiculous restriction, which should
be lifted for our Disaster

If not, then CBD will remain empty for years !

4; Potholes;

We need state / federal money to repair our
roads and bridges etc

This is Not able to be funded locally by
ratepayers / council

Even in the actual Town of Lismore;
My route along Dawson St to Girards Hill is
almost impassable !

I have to drive at 20 kph !!

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

1; Minimal Flood mitigation for Lismore; over
Many years; INACTION NOW URGENT !!
1;a; 2 bad bends in Wilson river downstream
from Lismore that slow water egress; NOT
ACTIONED
1;b; dredging the Willsons river; silt from floods
etc; NOT ACTIONED
1;c; Canal to fully divert Leicester creek / river
around Lismore; ie, a DEEP river sized channel;
NOT ACTIONED
#1;d; Keep all creeks and channels in Lismore

clear of debris and rubbish; on a regular basis

1.2 Preparation and planning

POOR; As soon as the latest flood fades from memory, minimal action is taken
Mitigation is ESSENTIAL

1.3 Response to floods

In the past POOR; As soon as the latest flood fades from memory, minimal action is taken
Mitigation is ESSENTIAL;

1.6 Any other matters

We need large Federal / NSW financial input (\$6 billion dollars spent on highway upgrade Ballina to Woolgoolga)
No excuses anymore for not funding this !!
No more surveys and enquiries ! They have been done before !!

Supporting documents or images
