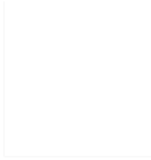


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Your details

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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 have been trying for at least 10 years to get my local council (Byron Shire) to do something about the lack of drainage where I live in South Golden Beach. I was delighted when a few years ago we were offered drainage along the sides of 2 streets (mine was one of them - Robin st.) that were in the worst state of neglect and lack of any drainage. All the surveys for the position of the utilities and trees that would need removing were

completed and then a small group of residents (one with a crony on council) managed to prevent the project going ahead . There was no community consultation about this and I learnt of it from the engineer in charge who , like me, found it hard to believe what had occurred . The council then installed useless drain pits in front of some houses. My house was not included. Prior to this they had installed a pump at the end of Gloria st. which had no benefit to my home but I was charged a storm water levy for it. Although nothing could have prevented the flooding on 28/2/22 it certainly would have helped in the second flood event on 29/3/22. This second flooding event didn't bring as much rain as the previous event but because the outlet to the canal next to my property was propped open by debris from the previous event (and not checked by council) my property was inundated by dirty ,smelly, polluted water from the canal . Council did nothing to assist me and after 3 days the water drained away leaving my few remaining possessions under my house coated in dried polluted residue and so I began a second clean up...

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	Over development of a swamp . Lack of any drainage. Lack of any consideration from council. Corruption
1.2 Preparation and planning	No preparation or planning
1.3 Response to floods	Only volunteers - nothing from council.
1.5 Recovery from floods	I am still struggling to recover from these events which have left me traumatized and struggling to deal with insurance claims and cleaning up . I lost my car (uninsured) in the first flood and as public transport is not readily available I am

reliant on others to get to doctors appointments etc.

1.6 Any other matters

I feel that as an aged pensioner (who lives alone) I am completely disregarded by council and the fact that I must pay rates at the same level (a small pensioners concession is applied) as houses that are being used as holiday lets (ie business for profit) and those that house many more people, seems most unfair. This leaves me feeling that I am paying a large part of my pension for very little service or infrastructure - I'd much sooner have drains than statues and other tourist attractions...

Supporting documents or images

Attach files

- [second-flood.jpg](#)
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