

**From:** [NSW Government](#)  
**To:** [Flood Inquiry](#)  
**Subject:** Floods Inquiry  
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## Your details

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## Submission details

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**I am making this submission as** A resident in a flood-affected area

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

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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** Coraki and also Woodburn & Broadwater flooded disastrously in Feb & March 22 and because of global warming these disasters will inevitably recur.  
I want to point out that there is a vast amount of suitable house relocation land at 5 Spring St Coraki & beyond for house removal and rebuilds. This land consists of the old Coraki Campbell

hospital and Conference site which is vacant but which will be used for 2 years for temporary housing pods and caravans for flood affected residents.

In addition to this land which is flood free, there is the nine hole Coraki Golf Club land rising behind it. It is owned by the Coraki Golf Club. This land rises further & is flood free in 22. The best long term solution is to relocate as many permanently flood prone homes and businesses as possible to this land from the above mentioned river towns to this location and place the golf club on lower lying lands.

This could be voluntary and ongoing over decades, starting with land the nsw government already owns through the nsw Health Dept. Coraki Golf Club could take no new members for this site and could relocate to Woodburn Golf Club and gradually cede land as it has a very aged member base. It is a 21st century proposal. It is obvious that the small river towns needs flood free business and industrial premises and Golf Club land should be set aside for this. The extant shops should be used as shelter for temporary traders, providing undercover market traders with viable 7 day a week trading spaces with no fixed features or stock and fitted each flood rebuild with building materials and electrical fittings which are 'hose out'. Rebuilding in the same manner is utter stupidity, is wasteful and environmentally degrading.

The Petersen's quarry Coraki and Tintinbar quarry that received the area's flood waste should be heavily monitored for toxic leachate into the flood plain as that will poison agricultural land and the entire river system and beaches flowing in & around the Richmond River. The entire system will only be made worse by repeat flooding debris. Bite the bullet. Acquire the land now and proceed to remove houses, businesses and rebuild over subsequent decades. It is the only permanent solution to relocate to higher ground and is the most cost effective and could be at private/government shared expense.

## **Terms of Reference (optional)**

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

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## **Supporting documents or images**

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