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

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1.2 Preparation and planning This is with respect to recent flooding at Coraki, Woodburn area, 01/03/2022. (This has not improved since cyclone Debbie and flood in April

2017)

As soon as the flood water starts to recede, the only access from Lismore or Coraki to Woodburn is along the levy bank roads beside the river. We are referring to Oakland Road and the last 4 km of Wyrallah road at the Woodburn end, plus Bank St., North Woodburn.

All the normally used transport roads are lower and take 5-6 more days to become clear of water.

These roads are in a state that can only be described as abominable. To us, they are not maintained, even in non flood circumstances. Then, of course, they are worsened by having been flooded. As well, for the next 5-6 days, all transport, cars, trucks, and 4 wheel drives, Army etc. are driving along them for necessary access to properties and services in these 2 towns.

Prior to recent flood: We understand this by experience, as we live along a part of this road. In the recent past, we spent about 3 years (and multiple submission) asking council to grade the gravel section of the road which was only able to be driven at very slow speed due to potholes. The bitumen parts have many ruts, broken edges and are dangerous to drive at night.

It feels like we live in a third world country with deplorable roads. We need to slow to first gear speed to drive through deep potholes.

It would be beneficial to all, if these high level access roads were generally maintained in a first world condition as well as repaired after flood damage in a timely manner.

Of note, there are 3 sections on this riverbank levy bank road system where the water would not impede traffic flow if the road heights were lifted by approximately 300mm. These areas are only 100-200m in distance, so a repair, lifting the

road height seems a reasonable project.

Supporting documents or images

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