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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	<p>I am landowner in the Byron Shire which was recently flooded, and this submission is for my family.</p> <p>The extreme flood events of March 2022 inundated most of our property of over 50 acres in Byron Bay and located within the Belongil Creek basin was underwater.</p>
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The recent flood events, with higher water levels than ever before show clearly that this land needs an improved flood management and is unsuitable for further development. The system is at absolute water carrying capacity.

As direct neighbours to two planned large subdivisions, within the floodplain, we are astounded that both were recently approved by the land and environment court; one judgement came through at the time of the flooding. For nearly 20 years we have been demonstrating to state departments with the help of numerous experts that this land is not suitable for large scale residential development. Despite the unanimous rejection of both subdivision applications by the Northern Regional Planning Panel, greed has won again against common sense.

As a “response to floods, particularly measures to protect life, property and the environment;” we need to see an immediate termination of the filling works for the West Byron developments until the findings of the Flood Inquiry are published. I strongly urge to rescind these inappropriate subdivision approvals for the sake of future generations.

I am happy to supply the commission with decades of detailed submissions against the development proposals at West Byron which are founded on science and common sense.

I trust that the inquiry will consider my submission, especially in regards to current and future land use planning and management and building standards in flood prone locations across NSW.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tim Hochgrebe

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Terms of Reference (optional)

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

Supporting documents or images
