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Joint Select Committee on the NSW Reconstruction Authority
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Dear Joint Select Committee on the NSW Reconstruction Authority

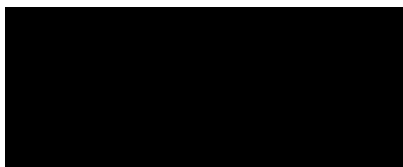
Written Opening Statement - Review of the NSW Reconstruction Authority Act 2022

We thank you for extending Lismore City Council ('LCC') the opportunity to appear at the public hearing for the Review of the NSW Reconstruction Authority Act 2022, and for the opportunity to provide this opening statement in writing.

As the overall tone of our submission indicates, our experiences with agencies throughout the restoration process following the 2022 flood events has been frustrating, and at times, unproductive. We acknowledge that our submission may be perceived by some as critical on NSWRA itself or the agencies involved in the operations of the NSWRA. However, we want this submission to be received and read in context. Simply, LCC want to be truthful about many of our and our community experiences, so that disaster response and recovery can be improved in New South Wales.

Although our submission may highlight some challenging experiences, we ask that you receive our submission in its intended context and acknowledge it is a reflection on a point in time. We do not want this to detract from the recent positive developments with NSWRA, NSW Public Works, and Transport for NSW. In particular, we would like to thank Mal Lanyon, Amanda Leck, Matt Fuller and James Bolton, and their teams. Their willingness to work collaboratively with LCC has seen our current asset restoration efforts strengthen. We now envisage the restoration process becoming increasingly cohesive and collaborative post-future disasters.

Yours faithfully



Brendan Logan
Chief Operating Officer