

**INQUIRY INTO RESPONSE TO MAJOR FLOODING
ACROSS NEW SOUTH WALES IN 2022**

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Please may I bring to your attention the destruction of our once viable and future train prospects.

Tweed Shire Council without community consultation or regard for the residents, environment, future transport etc has ripped up our train tracks. They are a foot away from water in some parts of our low lying catchments and as recent flooding and utter demolition of our roads and communities shows, the rail corridor is invaluable to all.

To have the train tracks removed as they had already been prior to floods in Feb is theft. Houses along Tweed Valley Way backing onto the train line had the gravel fall and block cane drains between Murwillumbah station and Sth Murwillumbah, all because the tracks had been removed. Residents paid for earthmovers to clear debris. Had the tracks been in place the destruction would have lessened.

The corridor is vital for transport not push bikes.

The demand for transport and haulage is increasing with growth in our shire. Ludicrous to suggest otherwise.

The rail trail has gone full steam ahead with the removal of tracks from Murwillumbah to Burringbar and destroyed much of our sensitive habitat in doing so. Flooding or not! From 6am in morning painting bridge above platypus and the glow worm tunnel decimated at night.

We have no roads left with the state of our saturated volcanic clay soils.

Trains, transport and keeping cars and trucks off roads is an essential need in Northern NSW. Recent flooding confirms that.



