

**Submission
No 65**

**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, our environment, or our future transport etc has ripped up our train tracks for a stupid bike path that could be built anywhere in the shire They could have built bike path alongside the tracks. To have train tracks ripped up prior to floods in February is theft

Rail is paramount to system security and we desperately need to get trucks and cars off our roads because of all the flood damage to roads. It will take many years and millions of dollars to repair the roads so we need to get freight and passengers on rail now. Many towns in our area were without food as trucks could not get groceries through to supermarkets that were totally empty

Most of our rail is above flood level and is a must

And the price of petrol continues to skyrocket

The flood has made the need for rails more important and urgent

So many people lost their cars in the flood and buying cars is hard. This is not the time to remove railways. I am very concerned that the flood may have revealed aboriginal culture heritage and as citizens I am concerned about that

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 6 am in morning painting bridge above platypus and the glow worm tunnel decimated at night

Please government reconsider removing rail tracks

The Tweed Shire has over 95,000 people and so many people without cars that need public rail transport urgently to get to work, uni, school, medical appointments etc