

**Submission
No 217**

**INQUIRY INTO PLANNING SYSTEM AND THE IMPACTS
OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND
COMMUNITIES**

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Dear Ms Higginson,

As a resident of Yamba for the past 17 years, I implore you to do your utmost to ensure that Yamba does not become another Lismore! Surely the name of this inquiry says it all - this town is situated on a FLOODPLAIN! Looking at the economic impact and financial burden on State finances of the still largely unresolved situation in Lismore (let alone the personal suffering,) surely commonsense would say go and find viable alternatives which will provide long-term housing opportunities without causing a constant financial burden! Please invite the committee to go along, visit the town, assess the situation and talk to residents. Any person who has lived in Yamba for the past few years can tell you of the impact that fill which has already been dumped in Carrs Drive, Orion Drive and Park Avenue had in the recent 2022 floods compared with previous years. The whole pattern of water flow has been changed - and things are only going to get worse with the combined impact of climate change and irresponsible development.

Yours in fighting for sanity,

Merran Warlters