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

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Driving down Yamba road you can clearly see how impactful the development in Carrs Drive is affecting the residents in Yamba, with most of the houses having "Stop the fill" signs attached to their homes. This is especially pronounced after the 2021 floods which heavily impacted majority of the residences on Yamba Road. Myself being a resident of Yamba and on Yamba Road, I am also worried about how the fill could impact us in the future. Although the most recent floods fortunately did not enter our house, it was very very close (about 1cm away). Carrs drive is a flood plain, filling it with 30,000 cubic metres of land would surely have an impact on where the water would go. I understand that council have done research on the impacts of how this will affect the town however, with global warming getting worse and little climate change action, there will likely be another 100 year flood that breaks record. And when that happens, i would assume most of the locals would blame councils approval for these developments, similarly to what occurred in 2021.