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FW: CESSNOCK AREA

First of all let me say what a good idea I think it is for planning to be across total areas such as The Hunter and not just hotch potch between councils.

The main problem in Cessnock is flooding.

Since I've lived here one of my properties has flooded twice, once in the Pasha Bulker flood and once this year. Council has been working on flood studies for over ten years to my knowledge and apparently a lot longer. Although Council admits flooding is now a priority a Flood Study is yet to be finalised. We did have a preliminary study issued in the middle of this year but the reduction in the area I'm interested in was only .1m – .2m when during the Pasha Bulker flood I had approx .5m inside my property. In fact some of the properties here are still uninhabitable following the flooding this year.

Council admits the drainage in this particular area is inadequate but just say it's in their 4 year plan. Are we all just supposed to pray it doesn't rain for 4 years.

After all this time remedial work should be well underway, but as stated above we don't even have a final plan yet and once we do funding still has to be obtained.

It's now got to the stage when apparently insurance premiums will more than likely become prohibitive.

At the moment everything seems to be at a standstill as the main person in charge of the study had a heart attack.

Please can you help us as we're getting desperate.