

It is common knowledge that the floodplains around Wooyung, including North Byron Park Lands, flood on a regular basis. If Lismore and Murwillumbah go under, this floodplain does too.

Parklands argues that the 2017 event was a 'once in a 100 years' event. That is a farce! On the next page you find the history of Lismore flood events, published by Lismore Council. It is accessible for everyone on Google. If we take this graph as an indicator of how often the Northern Rivers flood, the so-called '100 years flood' happened already FOUR times in the last 64 years! The graph shows about 30 major floods (over 9.7 m) since 1870. Therefore one of these major events happens every 3 to 4 years.

Please also note that Parklands' northern paddock, which is visible from Wooyung rd. is one of the first places to go under, way before Wooyung rd needs to be closed. The road floods a little bit west and east of the fruit stall on Wooyung rd. (It is easy to get familiar with the area if you look at Google Earth, you'll find the fruit stall there.) Even 150 mm rain during a few hours, floods the northern Parklands' paddock. Drive down Wooyung rd and ask some local residents if you want to find out the truth.

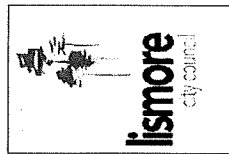
When a maga festival is on (Splendour or Falls) the northern paddock is used for camping. In an emergency evacuation people have to leave a lot of their gear behind. Imagine where all that stuff ends up... no one has the time to clean it up responsibly. It will land in all surrounding paddocks, in the creeks and the ocean. The photo of the floating water tank, which is Parklands, is a good example of what would happen on a grand scale, especially if the gear of 50.000 patrons left behind. Not to mention the mess from the toilet blocks...

Why on earth does anyone want to build more infrastructures in such a flood-prone area? Parklands argue that Lismore and Murwillumbah exist in a floodplain and therefore Parklands should have the same right. That is insane in this day and age!

In case of an emergency evacuation, Parklands wants to use a little dirt trail that enters Wooyung rd just west of the flooded road. All traffic must turn sharp left and negotiate the one-lane wooden bridge that leads onto Hinterland Way. Parklands is confident, that they can manage this for 50.000 people? The front parking lot which faces Yelgun floods too and it is impossible to get out of there in a major flood.

I conclude that even though there are many other reasons to object any expansion or permanent permit for an event site in this area, the great possibility of ending up with a flood emergency is the biggest one. It might be interesting to find out what kind of insurance Parklands has against floods and who ends up liable for the mess.





HISTORY OF LISMORE FLOOD EVENTS

1870-2017

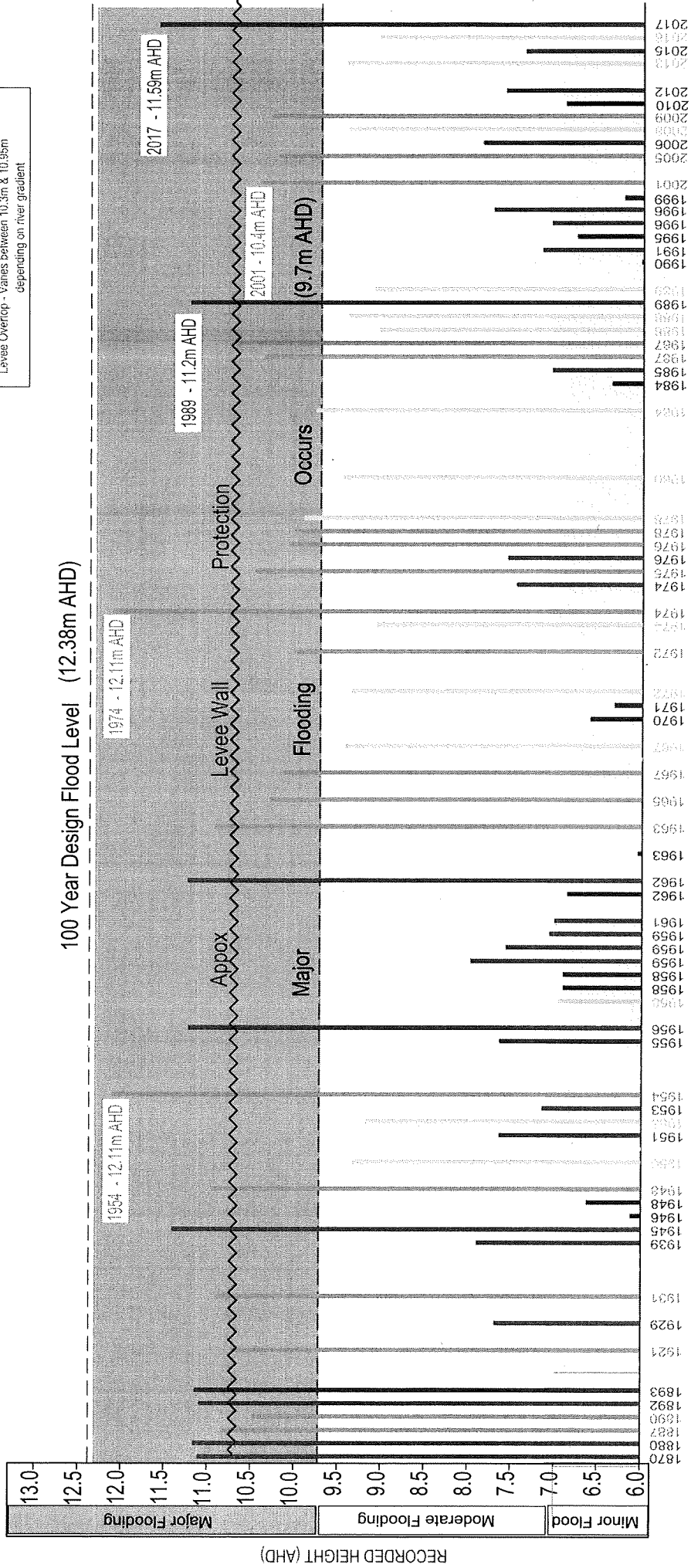
FOR EVENTS HIGHER THAN 6.0m AHD

LEGEND

A.H.D. HEIGHT OF FLOOD EVENT

6m to 7m	10m to 11m
7m to 8m	11m to 12m
8m to 9m	12m to 13m
9m to 10m	

Minor Flood - App. 4.2m
 Moderate Flood - App. 7.2m
 Major Flood - App. 9.7m
 Levee Overlap - Varies between 10.3m & 10.95m depending on river gradient





WOOLUNGRIE LOOKING SOUTH

THIS PIC SHOWS HOW DEEP THE WATER IS ON THE NORTH PARLANDS SITE. NOTICE FENCE, WATERTANKS AND BUILDING (TOILETS?) THIS IS THE SITE WHERE UP TO 50,000 PEOPLE ARE CAMPING!



WOONONG RD LOOKING SOUTH

BEHIND THE STABLE IS PARKLAND'S
LOT. WATER TANK + BUILDINGS



LOOKING SOUTH ONTO PARIELLANDS FROM
WOOLONG RD

DURING THE RAIN.

ANYTHING THAT PATRONS WOULD LEAVE
ONSITE DURING AN EMERGENCY
EVACUATION WOULD LAND IN
MOORBALL / POTSUILLIE CREEK AND THE
OCEAN. RUBBISH, PLASTIC, TENTS



PARKLANDS WATERTANK ON WOONYUNG RD

THIS IS ONE OF PARKLAND'S WATER
TANKS. IT WAS SWEEPED ONTO THE
EDGE OF WOONYUNG RD AND GOT STUCK
THERE.



PARKLANDS BOUNDARY



WOORYUNG RD LOOKING EAST

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY FLOOD
EVACUATION NO ONE COULD TRAVEL
EAST, TOWARDS POTSVILLE FOR DAYS.
ALL TRAFFIC WOULD HAVE TO TURN
WEST AND NAVIGATE THE WOOLLEN
ONE-LANE BRIDGE TO THE HINTERLAND
WAY. IMAGINE THE TRAFFIC JAM!



WOOLONG RD LOOKING WEST

WOOLONG RD FLOODS IN 2 PLACES
HERE, ABOUT 3 km FROM THE HINTERLAND
WAY TURNOFF THE ROAD IS INVISIBLE!
THE THIN STRIP OF WATER ON THE LEFT
IS WHERE THE WATER IS NOT SO DEEP
AND THEREFORE YOU CAN SEE WHERE
THE ROAD GOES.



2RD APRIL 2017 FLOOD 1m OVER ROAD

ON DAY 4 OF THE FLOOD THE RD
WAS STILL 1m UNDER WATER.

ON THE 1ST OF APRIL THE 2m
FLOOD SIGN WAS TOTALLY UNDER
WATER.

Please find a series of photos that were taken on the afternoon of the 5 th December 2018.

They show the northern end of the North Byron Parklands, it faces Wooyung rd. This is part of the camping ground during Splendour and Falls Festivals.

This is just a tiny event to illustrate to you how fast the water in the floodplain rises...

The Bureau of Meteorology forecasted the possibility of 2 mm rain on Tuesday and on Wednesday too.

What really came down was more like 120 mm. As a result the paddocks started to flood a bit. The water disappeared after 2 days.

Yours sincerely

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