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Dear Mr Mangleson

I refer to our ongoing discussions and correspondence in respect of costings associated with the Marshalls Creek Floodplain Plan.

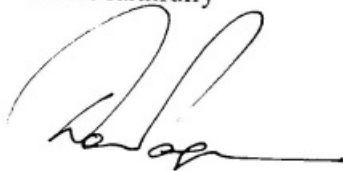
Thank you for drawing this issue to my attention.

In an effort to assist, I have made representations on your behalf to the Hon R S Amery MP, Minister for Land and Water Conservation highlighting the fact that none of the \$1.25 million earmarked for the Marshalls Creek Floodplain Plan has been spent on lowering floodlevels in Byron Shire.

I have also asked the Minister whether he could consider a public inquiry into this issue given the situation you have outlined.

I shall contact you again as soon as the Minister's response comes to hand.

Yours faithfully



Don Page MP
MEMBER FOR BALLINA

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MARSHALLS CREEK FLOODPLAIN PLAN COSTINGS

08/03/01 Letter to General Manager requesting costings to date.
Reply stating Council did not keep records over 7 years old.

Given copy of letter from PWD stating \$196,000 spent and Council had spent further \$75,000. **Total \$271,000.**

Requested Don Page to obtain costings of relevant Minister.

Reply Legaslative Assembly 30/05/01
Costing to date show expenditure of **\$1.250 plus.**

Further question by Don Page elicited reply 05/09/01

Showing: \$390,000 spent on levee bank around Golden Beach which has raised floodwaters elsewhere in Ocean Shores and New Brighton.

\$285,000 spent on drainage works in Tweed Shire canefields to lower flood levels allegedly caused by illegal bund construction across Capricornia Canal. A further \$170,000 plus Council funds of \$85,000 will be needed to alter the bund across Capricornia Canal.

This is the first time in Australia that a FloodPlain Management Plan has cost in excess of \$1.25 million dollars and lowered flood levels in canefields in an adjoining Shire, raised floodlevels on residential property in the Shire providing the funds, and expended more on consultants fees than any remedial works in either shire.

There has not been one cent spent of this \$1.250,000 to lower floodlevels in the Shire.

The levee bank around Golden Beach was constructed in spite of engineers warnings that to build it to it's present height would raise flood levels elsewhere.

The bund across Capricornia Canal was built in breach of the DA consent conditions for the development of North Ocean Shores which required a bridge.

Council documentation is available accepting liability for flooding caused by the ordered closure of the flood outlet which was also a development condition for the development of the canal at North Ocean Shores.

It is interesting that the Shire which will not dredge the river the residents voted to dredge and all consultants studies have proved that dredging would lower flood levels, had no qualms about dredging drains in ***an adjoining Shire to lower flood levels.***

It is time for the Minister to call for a public enquiry into another massive and corrupt misuse of power by this Council and this Committee

Jim Mangleson.