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Department Planning, Industry & Environment

Dear Sir,

I would like to strongly state that Inland Rail are still not listening, as they have not been since 2018, when Narrabri residents stated that they should not be constructing this structure on a major floodplain which affects Narrabri flooding.

There is no need to come through town causing noise and vibration, construction traffic in aged care and hospital areas. But worst of all, even a small increase in flooding, means extra time while water recedes and a clean up can start.

There is an alternative route, which will not affect the flooding of Narrabri.

A lot of replies to enquiries that I can see are all along the same lines, they are doing what legislation requires them to do, surely with the amount of damage we are seeing due to poor management of planning in other areas Inland Rail should be doing more than just what they can get away with.

The cost of poor management affects the whole country in the long run, with disruption to businesses, increased insurance premiums, grants for flood clean up.

The alternate route will also save Inland Rail and ultimately the Australia taxpayer money.

My understanding is that it will take four years to build the line from Narromine to Narrabri, in this time surely a route that will not affect the township of Narrabri should be fully assessed.

Yours faithfully,

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