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RE: DA2022/0279 - 48 Johnson Street FRESHWATER NSW 2096

Dear Maxwell Duncan,

I live at 68 Johnson St which is next door and downhill from the 3 springs which have been mentioned in other submissions on this matter. I have lived here for more than 37 years. In that time we have experienced many heavy downpours and big storms and each and every time the creeks become active and it takes a long while for them to stop flowing. However, nothing before has been like the recent rains which saw half a meter of water lapping at my neighbours glass sliding doors due to: the unprecedented amount of rain; the overground runoff coming down from Harbord Road; the ground being saturated from such a long rainy period; the springs being activated and the fact that the neighbours dwelling had been constructed flat on the ground without the raised footings of some of the older wooden houses in the street. We have always thought the flooding that happened on the 8th March 2022 would never occur here because our part of Freshwater is on a hill. It was a brutal and confronting way to know it is something that we should be paying more attention to.

Namely:

- our street has water flow issues and the proposed basement level which would have to pumped out every time it rains, seems ludicrous - the pump would have had to be running continuously if last week's rain scenario was happening - the plan shows an open area for a tree to grow from the lower level which allows rain to flow straight in.
- during excavation for the proposed dwelling, the potential to destabilise the adjacent properties by potentially creating land slippages during this type of operation is a serious matter, since it appears that there is going to be significant excavation close to their boundaries.
- neighbours in the street who already have a car port or garage lower than the ground level of the street have had recent significant and unanticipated water damage.

Thank you