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Good Morning All.

I will start my presentation today with some words from the third point last paragraph from my statement at the Council's Public Access 4th February 2020 -"I do not support the title of "Climate Change" my view is "Weather comes in cycles" from the fires will follow floods that will need to be prepared for".

Well councillors less than one week from this public access meeting we received much needed rain along with floods.

As many of you may remember sometime ago I spoke in Public Access about our concerns in relation to Council taking over our "Private Road" and the need for work to be conducted by those responsible prior to Council taking control of this road. I provided photos of our concerns with the entrance to our street being flooded during heavy rain it was known that the pipes under the road were not large enough to carry heavy rain.

Our "private road" is now a Council owned road.

On Monday 10th February after heavy rain the entrance to our street again flooded and I contact Council and sent photos to all Councillors and General Manager. Council workers came out and displayed appropriate signs to the entrance to the street as the flooding rain washes into Cullendulla Creek and there is a possibility that a small vehicles could be inundated with water and washed toward the creek area.

I have enclosed photos of one area of land in front of one of the pipes this land is now part of Council responsibility. Whilst most of the neighbours are mowing outside their properties this particular area is steep and not easy accessed and it needs to be cleared and possibly concreted so that the water has easier access to the current drain there is a possibility that this drain could be blocked I believe that Council should take the immediate action to have this area cleared and the drains checked.

From floods to fires – The majority of us living in this shire are fully aware of the devastation and the loss of lives, home and business in our area. Last weekend we had to travel up the Clyde Mountain and for those arm chair critics of these recent fires who engaged in the on line media outlet suggesting that "the Clyde Mountain should just be opened with reduced speed and that there was only a few signs and guard rails that needed replacing I would suggest that they hop in a car and drive out of this area to see what has occurred" and I believe it is an absolute disgrace that certain individuals have tried to minimise the fire impact on this Mountain and beyond. It has shown how some in our community have demonstrated such irrational behaviour.

We have all seen the maps and areas on TV that cover from North NSW to the Victorian Boarder and then into the Snowy Mountain area and boarding into Canberra that have been devastated by fires. There are lessons to be learnt by all and time has come for change.

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