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Dear Mr Pigg

I believe that Shoalhaven City Council staff have failed the residents at Lake Conjola.

They failed to open the Lake when they were well aware that flooding was extremely likely given the available weather forecasts. While they noted the potential for flooding and promised to "monitor" the situation, all they did was monitor, they did not act.

What is more annoying is that a Council staff member claimed in the media that since the lake had opened "naturally" (flooding) their lack of action had in fact saved the ratepayers money. Of course it is the residents of Conjola who have paid the price with destroyed washers, fridges, freezers and hot water heaters. Come and look at the mountain of debris in our tip!

According to Council's original timetable, the entrance shoal was supposed to have been dredged by this time. Had this been done it would have mitigated the flooding and potentially saved tens of thousands of dollars damage. Once again Conjola residents have paid for Shoalhaven City Council's staff failing to act in a timely manner.

It is imperative that Council staff initiate dredging of the entrance shoal as instructed by the Councillors. Moreover, given the numerous "innundations" and floods that have appeared over the past few years, it is evident that the current "Interim Entrance Management" protocol is a failure. The "Managed Open Entrance" protocol detailed by Manly Hydraulics Laboratory in their 2003 report must be implemented.

Signed: _____