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Subject: Cowra meeting

I apologise that I had to leave early.

This subject is of utmost importance and I was quite surprised at the lack of interest from the community... the attendance was not reflective of the concerns I have heard from people down the river.

My property boundaries are the [REDACTED] Obviously I was drastically affected.

My background, which I did not divulge... I spent over three decades in corporate world in various global locations in C-suite positions.

In these positions I had responsibilities for Governance and Regulatory matters/ reporting.
I returned to this property Feb 2018.

I was absolutely shocked by the non accountability through 2021/2022 floods... at all levels of government (pretty good example, I see it too regularly, was the councillor laughing about it at the meeting 19OCT)

I had been in contact with various departments after the 2021 floods but found it quite impossible to get answers for accountability from the Minister (who stepped aside soon after member Donato tabled my concerns) or WaterNSW. I think there were 7 questions of which they answered 1/2 of one (but I would have to look back and at the moment I am time deficient).

If they had taken notice I am sure 2022 would not have been as disastrous. I still hold the view that this was caused by an act of Govt not an act of God as the spin from agencies put on it. They should read their own data.

I can provide all correspondence if necessary.... But I do want to ask...

Who selects the representatives on the Airspace Reference Panel?

What qualifications are taken into account in choosing those people?

Do they realise that most all on the LARP in 2021 were biased to 100% capacity at all time (miners, irrigators, towns).

What is being done to counter this? Where is the representation for risk mitigation?

Why do the minutes of these meetings not show the opinions/ votes of those in this committee when decisions are made?

If there is no accountability, there is no governance. If there is no governance, then we are dealing with a system built on dictator values.

Do not get me wrong, I want to be part of the solution. I am not adding to the problem... just pointing out, what to me, is obvious.

An aside, while there was some 'feeling' in the room on indigenous matters I thought best not to add to it. I am not Wiradjuri... though my grandmother was Yuin, my great Grandmother was Ngarigo. I do, however, have a strong connection with this property and the rivers. I will manage and protect as much as I am able.

Regards
Lance Graham