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Our experience 28/2/2022

Calling for help at 4am

Waiting in rising flood waters in our home moving to higher places until the sun started to rise so we could see and climb onto our roof with our two daughters and two dogs.

Waiting in the torrential rain waiting to be rescued we hear a boat it's two police officers in a big orange SES boat we stood up as we were going to be finally rescued only to be told to stay where we were, they weren't here for us they weren't here for everyone just one of their work colleagues and her grandbaby which I understand it's her grand baby but my babies were there too. They took one person and the baby and left then they returned and took their work colleague and another four people. They never returned for myself and my daughters our other neighbours young, old, and disabled we were all left behind.

They could have at least taken my two daughters who were in fear of drowning listening to my girls crying saying "mum why aren't they coming back for us we are going to die"

As a parent to hear that and you are so helpless in that moment I am so utterly disgusted in this act you come for one you come for all until everyone is safe !!

People screaming for help to be left behind.

**POLICE TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY !!**

**THE PEOPLE OF LISMORE AND SURROUNDING AREAS SAVED US NOT THE AUTHORITIES BUT THE PEOPLE AND WE CAN NOT THANK THEM ENOUGH.**

Our neighbours children who knew people were trapped in our area of southside came to rescue us and so many others for that no words are enough to thank them.

They kept going rescuing as many as they could getting us to higher buildings other boats came and ferried us to safety.

It was a gigantic brown sea and so many everyday amazing locals saving so many if it wasn't for them so many more would have died. When you talk to each other and hear the stories it's heart breaking how widespread the rescues were and the devastation this has caused to so many.

While myself and my family are safe after 6 hours on our roof we were lucky as so many were out there for longer.

This is my thoughts and our story I just wanted to voice the unbelievable act from the Police Officers who did not help when they had the chance to.