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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to let you know my story in hopes that something is done so no one experiences the heartache I have felt this last month.

My name is _____, I am 36 years old and a new home owner. I settled for my new home on the 28th of February... as the settlement went through there was between 3 and 5 feet of water in my home which was raised well about the 1974 flood level. It peaked at 7 foot.

To give you some backstory about me, I was repatriated into Australia last year by DFAT after fleeing and illegally exiting _____ during the military coup. I did that with my wife beside me and walked barefoot across the Tiau river into India before surrendering myself to authorities out of fear for my life... this was the same week the Covid-19 Delta outbreak happened in India. To say the least it has not been easy,,,,

After being isolated in an Airbnb room for 4 months in India we were finally granted exit permits to return to Australia. We quarantined in Howard Springs centre and then came to the Northern Rivers where I gained employment in under 4 weeks with Aldi supermarkets.

This house was meant to be our new start and chance to begin healing as we are both still suffering forms of PTSD from our journey to get here and these floods have destroyed us... I have anxiety issues now anytime I hear rain.

I haven't asked for much help. But I need some help now, not just financially to get in my home but also I need to reassured that I will have a fair shot of getting in front with this house and not going backwards or under (water), excuse the pun.

We are far more fortunate then many, and we haven't lost our home... carpets, walls, hot water system, air con unit and appliances all need replacing but we still have a home and some hope. I still have hope the government, the same government that saved me and my wife and brought me home will do something to ensure no new home buyer ever has to see their house under water on settlement day.

Sincerely,