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To: [Flood Inquiry](#)
Subject: Flood inquiry submission
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Hi, I would like the following to be considered as part of the flood inquiry:

- Many rural landholders own and invest in their land as an environmental asset. We make \$0 from our rural property but have invested thousands of dollars in habitat for wildlife and biodiversity. We have lost \$20k in fencing and on-farm assets and are unable to access any support because our farm generates no income. Our habitat plantings are currently being destroyed by cattle from a neighbouring property and we can't do anything as we don't have any money to repair fences and are not eligible for any grants. What is the purpose of putting income requirements on support for rural landholders? This just excludes people like us even though we pay tax and rates including LLS rates like all other landholders.
- Rural landholders in mobile blackspots should get a full subsidy to install mobile repeaters on their rooves. We had no power for several days and were isolated by flood waters. Our mobiles only work when our internet is connected so we were unable to even make an emergency call for 3 days. A mobile repeater on our roof will cost \$1700 through Telstra - this should be fully subsidised.
- What is the status of the Rocky Creek Dam wall? There are rumours it was going to fail, causing a catastrophic flood through all of the downstream valleys into Lismore.
- Could Rous Water partially fund a land swap, moving existing houses out of the basin, and use the Lismore basin to secure water supply for the region in lieu of the proposed Dunoon Dam? No one wants to live in North or South Lismore any more but they can't sell and land out of the flood zone is unaffordable.