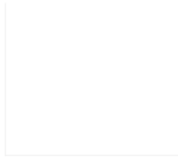


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Your details

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Submission details

I am making this submission as A resident in a flood-affected area

Submission type I am making a personal submission

Consent to make submission public I would like this submission to remain anonymous

Share your experience or tell your story

Your story We endured a massive flood in small village in Brushgrove. NSW.
The flood exceeded many floods and caused extreme devastation and loss of family pets due to the force and height of the flood waters.
Many of our electrical and personal items destroyed.
Flood mud was a huge problem and septic tanks

used by community was a huge hygiene issue.

Terms of Reference (optional)

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1.1 Causes and contributing factors

I believe due to no levy to surround Brushgrove was a contributing factor - along with the new highway - with thousands of tonnes of land/vegetation removed to develop this project. Low lying areas had little chance of escape. Brushgrove also has no curb and guttering to help remove water more effectively.

1.2 Preparation and planning

We were prepared and put our property up - due to continued heavy rainfall from all around the state - the water was double to what was expected in our residence
We moved to higher grounds - but the extreme stress and trauma remains.

1.3 Response to floods

We saw no one from the local council - only those using helicopters.
To my understanding - no one was contacted. Many local elderly farmers were stranded and were not informed of what form of support they could receive.
Due to local community spirit - many gave IT advice and guided them in applying for financial assistance

1.4 Transition from incident response to recovery

The Rural Fire Brigade were amazing and nothing was any problem.
this year we DID see the local SES calling in and offering clean up kits for residence

1.5 Recovery from floods

It has been close to 7 weeks and we are still cleaning up the debris and mud.
Still awaiting insurance consult visit and lots of debris is lying around the community

Supporting documents or images
