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To: [Flood Inquiry](#)
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I live in Lismore, Northern Rivers New South Wales in Australia.

Almost six weeks ago in the early hours of Monday the 28th of February Lismore was hit by a catastrophic flood which left our home at East Lismore decimated by flood. This is a double storey home with the upstairs floor being 15 feet above ground level.

The initial rise at around 04:00am was 5.5 meters in 40 minutes and then a further two meters over the following two hours with the rivers level rising to a level of 14.7 meters above average.

The impact on our life and on the lives of thousands within our community has been devastating.

For ourselves we have lost everything our business is gone, our home is gone and all means of making an income is currently gone. With regard to restarting we are 54 and 61 years of age with no FLOOD INS, it was 40000 per year to get our home covered by Alliance for Flood. We are uncertain of how to start rebuilding, a second flood came through our downstairs footprint again in the month of March and we are somewhat expecting further flooding with the amount of rain that has fallen to date.

Ideally I would like to move our home to higher ground and if the government offered a buy back scheme on the land we would happily engage in a second mortgage and rebuild our walls, kitchen and bathrooms back once moved. We will in the meantime live in the shell of our home and try to rebuild a smaller commercial kitchen to operate our business in a smaller capacity as we have no confidence in the idea that we build back all aspects of our business only to see it reduced to a messy muddy wasted investment.

Thanking you for this offer to speak on what Lismore really needs,
RESIDENCES MOVED OUT OF LOWER LYING FLOOD PLAINS AND CBD
MOVED TO SECOND STORY FLOORS OR HIGHER OF EXISTING BUILDINGS
Francine Austen
