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**To:** [Flood Inquiry](#)  
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Dear sir/madam,

I write to include my story of loss and associated trauma from the floods of February 2022 in Lismore nsw.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I've lived in Lismore for many years prior to this latest flood.

In 2018 I lost my life partner to suicide. We had lived in the cbd for fifteen years and experienced the 2017 floods which didn't enter our building.

My husband was a nurse at \_\_\_\_\_ in Lismore for nineteen years and when he died my entire world clasped.

I moved in with my daughters who were flat sharing in Sydney and 'safely' stored all of my and my late partner's possessions in the storage units in \_\_\_\_\_ East Lismore. They have NEVER flooded before.

Unfortunately this flood was utterly catastrophic and took the sheds out completely. I lost absolutely everything.

Stored were all the usual household items furniture and rugs kitchen wear and garden utensils as well as bikes and white goods.

The most precious things lost though, were my late partners extraordinary writings. And of course other irreplaceable memories.

Things that simply have no price tag.

None the less, while those who had lost their belongings in a house (as opposed to a storage shed) received the small tokenism of between \$1000 and \$5000, I apparently did not qualify for a single cent of assistance.

The lack of financial assistance and overall sense of exclusion from the fall out of this unholy life shattering event, has left me and many others in the same situation desperate for help.

This is a huge oversight and has added enormously to the emotional trauma I continue to experience.

Currently I am living in a medium term women's shelter in Sydney and this was my address during the floods, however, the premises are fully furnished and I arrived with little more than a suitcase.

How am I meant to refurnish a unit once I find a more permanent place to call home?

I ask for you deep consideration in this matter.

On another note. I own a block of land in the CBD of Lismore. It was in talks for possible

social housing should funding be made available (pre 2022 floods) however, I doubt very much anyone will proceed with that currently and I am unable to do anything with it.

I have been paying rates in this vacant site for ten years and as I'm on a DSP and in Sydney I can no longer support an empty site that literally forced me to either pay rates or buy food and clothing or register the car.

I think the lands in the CBD need to be either purchased or swapped for higher ground so that we can Re imagine Lismore at its very best as the quaint quirky alternative creative crafty alive place it is, but on higher ground

We need to build back higher

Build back better

And never ever have to live with the terrible toll this year has brought to the northern rivers Lismore community ever again.

Please help me. Please help us.