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Your story

We are currently in limbo in a temporary caravan until 10 April at our farm then nowhere. We are trying to get our granny flat fixed enough to move in temporarily

We are 65 yrs old and have both lost everything incomes , homes , our beautiful cattle machinery , fences , vehicles and everything within our homes thanks to the rather too efficient mud

army coming through like a whirlwind with no understanding or training in how to communicate with people in obvious trauma

We live on a generational farm being settled by my husband family in 1861. Never has there been any water near our homes which are in the high bank of the river. The river breaks over the other side and often our road is used in flood time as it is the only one out of water we were insured but not for flood why would we it has never flooded on our property near our houses.

We are being neglected by both state and Federal govt and played games with by the insurance companies who have been flown in and accommodated at Byron Bay at an enormous expense even though we have assessors here in Australia. Meanwhile after spending the night tied in our small tractor sailor to our Ute with our daughter and son in law on the night of 28/2/22 we were rescued by our other son in law who drove his boat 17km from Evans Head to our farm to find us. SES did not ring us until Friday to check if we had got away. We are still in limbo we are still trying to locate our cattle all 85 and one new bull we are fractured and in trauma. We need help we need our insurance money to fix our home rather than a POD costing \$175K that would fix our home!

Terms of Reference (optional)

The Inquiry welcomes submissions that address the particular matters identified in its [Terms of Reference](#)

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Lack of specialised Federal and State support

Navigating the various funding streams is a Nightmare nothing is streamlined

Appalling response by the Army for any communities such as farmers

Lismore centric support outlying areas neglected

1.3 Response to floods

Was it flood? That was not what we encountered it was an extreme weather event the basin at the back of our farm filled with rain water. We have 1-2 days notice to prepare when Lismore floods here have photographic time stamped proof that the river rose well after our flats were inundated

1.4 Transition from incident response to recovery

Hopeless we would be dead if we relied on any of the services

I have no idea why we are to rely on SES and volunteer groups in such a devastation

Why has the Federal govt not underwritten the insurance agencies and saved our communities

Why are all the farmers along our road living in tents or caravans (we are all over 50yr) or in the sheds

1.5 Recovery from floods

Hopeless could not be more uncoordinated hopelessly resourced Govt having no accountability for us

Disaster funds locked up by said Govt how cruel

Farmers wives and children having to hold their husband up from committing suicide

Cattle being unethically managed and stolen

Looting on our property

1.6 Any other matters

Get us back in our homes now

Supporting documents or images
