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I want to open by saying that my home was not flood affected but my families life is.

We were left with no electricity when the first flood hit for 5 days and we have a 5 month old baby as part of our family. We are now living in our house with 4 generations as there are no affordable rentals in Lismore and our family wants to stay here and not have to relocate.

We were not able to buy the baby formula for our youngest and had to go without meals when we suffered food shortages and petrol shortages as roads were cut off.

I tried to get help for many who were trapped on rooves and help through triple zero and the SES was non existent I received a call back 36 hours after one report to ask if the person still needed rescuing if they had not swum out they would have been numbered amongst the dead, shocking!

I feel devastated for our CBD we have no shops for clothing and a much depleted supermarket accessibility We were left on our own as a community with inaccurate advice as to the level of danger, inadequate warnings, local advice ignored, river gauges not working, the flood siren broken or not operational and our SES depleted

We need permanent evacuation centres that can be made operational at very short notice we need the shopping centre relocated to an area totally out of flood, we need a buy back and relocation process such as QLD has announced

This is a disaster that needs all levels of government in conjunction with our community to rebuild our town

East Lismore

Sent from my iPhone