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Hello.

I operate a small business which involves the supply and restock of vending machines in the Northern Rivers region. We supplied in excess of 130 machines in the region and our clients include hospitals, education facilities, public areas and many small, medium and large businesses.

I had been hesitant to make a submission as I feel I have been lucky to have been spared the level of disruption suffered by many in my community. My wife disagreed and says our story is as relevant as anyone.

We base ourselves out of South Lismore and I believe we were lucky as we only had 40% of our business inoperable from the floods with sites either completely inundated or blacked out. We still had a business and a home.

Through the initial cleanup and recovery we remained very positive as a family and as a business as we do live in a very beautiful part of the world and love it for what it is and the community that we live in.

I could give feedback about the application for assistance proceeds but I think you will have plenty of that.

The most stressful time in the recovery is now. I have involved my children in the golfing community from their early lives, resulting in our teenage children having friends from their own age through to their eighties and allowing them to understand community. The announcement that temporary housing would be occurring on the golf course with no consultation with this community has caused much upheaval, speculation and anger.

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