

**From:** [NSW Government](#)  
**To:** [Flood Inquiry](#)  
**Subject:** Floods Inquiry  
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## Your details

Title

First name

Last name

Email

Postcode

## Submission details

**I am making this submission as**

A resident in a flood-affected area

**Submission type**

I am making a personal submission

**Consent to make submission public**

I would like this submission to remain anonymous

## Share your experience or tell your story

**Your story**

Although our home didn't flood, we lost power for 5 days, had no water for 24 hours, my office went completely under water, losing all our resources - I'd worked there for 15 years - all gone. Frantic messages from friends who were stuck on their rooftops, I was unable to help. I couldn't get through to any emergency services to help them. I just waited and listened to the rain

continuously falling, wondering if I would see my friends alive again. Our roads are destroyed. We have no town centre, nowhere to meet with our community. No shops. No post offices. No banks. Nothing. For a while there, the supermarket shelves were empty. There was no fuel for our cars. The constant sound of the army helicopter overhead, wondering how many were saved, how many more to go. How many wouldn't get rescued? And every day - it rains. A constant reminder of all we have lost. It is inescapable. I am waiting for the next inevitable flood, the ground is so swollen with water, the rivers are still raised, it won't take much for them to break again. Rain predicted every day over the coming foreseeable forecast. Mould grows on everything- I constantly have to try to beat it, we all do. And it keeps growing back.

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### **Terms of Reference (optional)**

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

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### **Supporting documents or images**

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