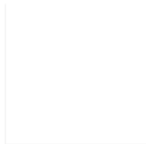


**From:** [NSW Government](#)  
**To:** [Flood Inquiry](#)  
**Subject:** Floods Inquiry  
**Date:** Thursday, 19 May 2022 4:15:24 PM



## Your details

Title

First name

Last name

Email

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## Submission details

I am making this submission as

Other

Submission type I am making a personal submission

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## Share your experience or tell your story

Your story

My rental investment property was flooded almost to the top of the doors - it is a high-set home. Thankfully the occupants evacuated on the Sunday before the water inundated early on the Monday morning. If it wasn't for Facebook posts from volunteers saying they had boats and jet skis on the cbd side of the river a friend may not have been rescued from a unit in East

Lismore, despite him having repeatedly called the SES and triple 0 on Monday morning. Due to power failure his rescue was unknown to family until the next day.

As I'm sure almost every owner of a severely flooded house, I do not wish to repair the house in its current position. My preference would be for relocation to flood free land but this may involve investing money I don't have. alternatively a buyback would suit me as this would relieve me of the responsibility to repair the house when I have no funds for this. In the meantime I have received a \$20k grant to assist in bringing the house back to a habitable condition. I am also waiting for a structural assessment to know what work need to be done. I really don't want to repair the house and rent it out because I fear the next occupants may suffer in the event another massive flood will occur in the near future.

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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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### 1.1 Causes and contributing factors

I believe climate change as a result of human activity is responsible for the changed weather patterns we are seeing resulting in more frequent and more severe flooding.

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### 1.2 Preparation and planning

On the best advise available, residents believed the water would come under their houses and they would be safe to stay and begin the cleanup once the water had gone. People choose to stay for a couple of reasons - to begin to hose the mud out as soon as possible once the water recedes; and to prevent property loss or damage from looters as they will be cut off from entering their homes until all roads in are clear. Unfortunately the 28 February flood was much greater than at first predicted although I believe eventually they predicted the correct peak.

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### 1.3 Response to

Abysmal - no immediate help for rescue.

**floods**

**Supporting documents or images**

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