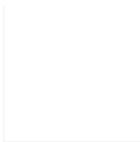


**From:** [NSW Government](#)  
**To:** [Flood Inquiry](#)  
**Subject:** Floods Inquiry  
**Date:** Thursday, 19 May 2022 4:32:47 PM



## 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**

We live in Clothiers Creek, NSW.  
We have a digital weather station and recorded approximately 100mm of rain on saturday 26th feb, 300mm on sunday and 600mm on monday. At 1.30pm on monday 28th feb we had received 721mm of rain in the previous 24 hours. The bottom end of our property was flooded but water did not get into our house (aside from

some roof leaks).

We had no mains power from around 2pm on Monday 28th Feb until late Wednesday 2nd March. However our solar system provided some basic backup power during the day.

We had no internet coverage at home from the 28th until 5pm Sunday 6th March. We also had no mobile reception during (and after) this time, but were able to use wifi calling once internet was restored. We could not call 000 from our property and had no news of the evolving weather and associated disaster, except through occasional texts received when driving up a nearby hill.

We were cutoff by road from any towns or stores until Wednesday 2nd, when we were able to use a closed (but dry) section of the M1 and local back roads to get to Pottsville for supplies. We were advised of this option by a neighbour.

On Tuesday morning 8am we found dozens of cars stranded on the M1 overpass at Clothiers Creek Rd. These people had been there for up to 24 hours with no access to water or food, aside from what they'd had with them when driving. People from nearby houses assisted with water, toilets and some supplies on Tuesday, once we realised they were there. There were babies and elderly among the dozens of people, some of whom were very worried, upset and uncomfortable. They were escorted through closed roads to an evacuation centre by emergency services at about midday on Tuesday after up to 28 hours stranded on the overpass.

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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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### 1.2 Preparation and planning

Insufficient warning of the severity of the weather.

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### 1.3 Response to floods

Internet and phone services being out for more than 6 days was incredibly concerning. We could not even call 000 from our property, we would've

had to drive to a nearby highpoint (minimum 2kms away).

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### **Supporting documents or images**

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#### **Attach files**

- [inbound2850798329979949135.jpg](#)
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Last Updated: 1:38 pm



Station Tier: BASIC

Upgrade

# Clothiers Creek Weather



Clothiers Creek, NSW, AUS


23 °C

Today Hi/Lo Temp  
23 °C @ 9:57 am  
20 °C @ 3:42 am


Feels Like 24 °C




Today: Light rain shower


 Hum  
98 %

→ Pressure  
1005.7 hPa

 Sunrise  
6:37 am

 24 HR  
721.9 mm

 0 km/h

 Sunset  
7:20 pm

## Forecast

7-day

Hourly

Monday  
02/28

Tuesday  
03/01

Wednesday  
03/02

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High Temp

24°

27°

28°





