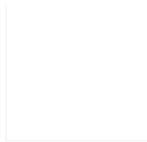


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I am making this submission as

Emergency services personnel

Submission type

I am making a personal submission

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Share your experience or tell your story

Your story

I am a volunteer with NSW SES. I worked hours on end, for days and days.

As a service we were very under-resourced. A unit of approx 15 with only 1 qualified to go IN water. Flood Training opportunities have been scarce and need to improve.

Personally my home was ok but my father's

house went under water up to the ceiling and my best friend had water 1 metre deep right through.

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1.1 Causes and contributing factors

For Casino.. water rose way too rapidly to be just from heavy rainfall. Unofficial Reports circulating about Toonumbar Dam being released. Is this true because that would explain the rapid rise downstream. It should have been on a slow release days before in preparation.

For BROADWATER (my fathers home). I believe the new highway/bypass was a major contributing factor as it prevented the water to disperse and escape as it would normally.

1.2 Preparation and planning

If significant rain is predicted, dams need to be looked at having a slow release prior.

Guages need to be more visual and more frequently located along waterways and in low lying areas.

Supporting documents or images
