

**From:** [NSW Government](#)  
**To:** [Flood Inquiry](#)  
**Subject:** Floods Inquiry  
**Date:** Friday, 20 May 2022 8:28:33 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 moved to our property August 2021. We Are partially on the flood plain of the Coldstream River. When we purchased the property the previous owners explained where the water would come up to and how long we would be cut off from town for, three days. We were prepared for three days when it got to four days and no idea how much longer we

began to get concerned for our food supply. We were lucky to have a friend who was able to travel the highway and we were able to walk to the highway from our home to retrieve some groceries they had purchased for us. Our cattle had all been moved to higher ground and after the five days we had basically no nutritional food for them to eat. We couldn't get supplies of hay or silage as the road out was impassable. Our neighbour shared some of his cattle feed with us. Since the initial flood we have had two more . The water didn't come quite as high in the second but all of our lower land and pasture was completely submerged in the second and third flood. We have been very fortunate to be allocated feed for our stock and animals, on a recurring basis, from the amazing organisation Feed for Friends. With the continued rain it is making driving on our property impossible, so we walk. It would have been great if the emergency fodder allocations from the DPI were available for each flood as the water inundation is affecting our pasture availability for our cattle and the pastures regrowth.

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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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<b>1.1 Causes and contributing factors</b>	Information on the operations of the flood gates that affect our property on the Coldstream River may be helpful in understanding why the water is not leaving our property.
<b>1.2 Preparation and planning</b>	Availability of large or multiple storage spaces for large quantities of fodder being delivered during natural disaster for access by those in need.
<b>1.3 Response to floods</b>	Information from landholders up river in regards to river levels and expected impact down river should be taken into account. This information

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should be passed on to those people down river.

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**1.5 Recovery from floods**

Our recovery is hampered by our ability to access our property. The availability of feed for our stock.  
Our individual storage facilities.  
Our ability to transport fodder to our property for our stock.

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**Supporting documents or images**

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