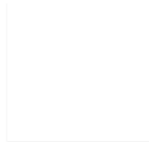


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Your details

Title

First name

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Email

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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

I have already submitted but would just like to add that when I evacuated and stayed with a neighbor her husband went out in a kayak to rescue people on 28th February in Lismore. He told me that he could hear people screaming out for help from their homes but the SES and others with outboard motors were going past and not noticing because of the noise their motors were

making. Also he was calling his wife on a cb radio to ring triple 0 for assistance for people on their roof in need of medical help (cut by roofing iron whilst trying to escape their house). Communications on the day were chaotic. His wife was trying to help but got several calls back from the triple 0 people when she had called back to say she had word the people had been rescued. It was so frustrating and tied up her line. Her husband also dropped his cb radio in the river and so was out of comms for several hours late in the afternoon and we were very anxious for his safety. It would be good if somehow the SES could provide better assistance with comms in an event where community members are asked to come out and assist in such a risky environment. Many community members risked their lives to help and many more lives would have been lost if they did not do so.

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Supporting documents or images
