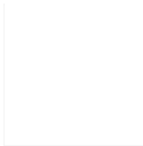


**From:** [NSW Government](#)  
**To:** [Flood Inquiry](#)  
**Subject:** Floods Inquiry  
**Date:** Monday, 20 June 2022 10:50:21 AM



## Your details

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**Title**

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**First name**

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**Last name**

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**Email**

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**Postcode**

## Submission details

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**I am making this submission as** A resident in a flood-affected area

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**Submission type** I am making a personal submission

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**Consent to make submission public** I would like this submission to remain anonymous

## Share your experience or tell your story

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**Your story** Our community is/was Huonbrook, 2482. A hinterland home nearby Mullumbimby.

We have been displaced ever since the floods and national disaster in February, it's now June.

Many of our friends and former neighbours remain cut off from road access. The little creeks

became raging river torrents and washed the roads away.

In the early days, community members hired helicopters and dropped off supplies, people were airlifted out and in. Today people are still getting supply drops, roads remain cut off.

Many of the community hike over 5 kilometres past where roads can now access. There are people in their 70's doing this.

My sister in law in her 70's had a mudslide plough through her home, smashing her leg bones and ankles, her road to recovery will be long, she may never regain her mobility as it was pre these incidents.

Elderly people remain stuck in remote now inaccessible parts of Byron Shire hinterlands, they have medical conditions and no roads out to hospital or services.

Thousands are displaced without homes.

Many sleep in tents outside their mould infested homes. It's mid winter.

Repairs are hard and expensive for landlords. Landlords like mine evicted us in the wake of floods to try to sell.

I'm a single parent with two dogs, the floods and storms essentially made me and my family homeless.

Rents have increased over \$200 a week for a two bedroom home in the area. If only wages did the same. Looking for accommodation takes as much time as a part time job, hours a day. This affects every facet of my life, including rescheduling work to view homes we don't get or can't really afford since stock is low and so many are looking plus rents have gone up so much!

My child has started to bite her nails, she never did before.

A home has become a privilege for those with large incomes, it should be a human right. People are sleeping in third world conditions here, mid winter in vehicles and tents. I'm in a shed. It's not good enough. The school holidays coming have booked out our emergency accommodation.

We need funding, we need homes, we need roads and repairs. We need them now. It's been months waiting and waiting.

Where is the government?

My emergency accomodation expired and there are no hotels nearby that are pet friendly & have a kitchen to cook for my child with severe food allergies. ( eating out is expensive and challenging with both our dietary conditions.)

We are currently staying in a friend's shed/ garage to be near work and school. It's cold here, there are barn doors, no amenities.

We are hoping to get a pod home but we have thousands of people needing less than 200 pods.

Please provide more. Please make applications easy, many of us are under extreme stress.

Livelihoods and lives depend on urgent action.

Take this seriously, please.

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### **Terms of Reference (optional)**

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### **Supporting documents or images**

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