

Hi - this is from a family we know who have 2 shops in the in
Lismore devastated by flood . You might like to know the situation shop
Owners there are in.

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I emailed State member Janelle Saffin to ask for her help to represent commercial landlords. She passed my email on to the premier's dept who in turn passed it to the Small Business minister - why I don't know because my email for the extension of financial assistance for landlords was in the immediate context of the Feb- March floods.

Giving aid to businesses is all well and good but as many of them are tenants, they cannot use the funds to best effect and resume trade because the premises from which they operate cannot be repaired by many landlords due to cost. Hence the need for help.

Not all landlords are well off, many are mum and dad investors or self funded retirees who may own more than one property as part of their super fund. With no financial help, landlords have to use savings and that helps to explain why so many businesses are still not operative in Lismore, especially the CBD. Expenses continue such as council rates, strata levies, outgoings etc and we have had no rental income for 4 months.

Local council will waive the 22-23 rates for businesses or people who have been approved for aid by Service NSW. We had an interview with them 2 weeks ago but they said there is no help for landlords therefore there is no mechanism to apply for rates relief,

Landlords received no assistance during Covid either yet we were expected to reduce the rent as tenants' turnover dropped. We did this. So 2 disasters in 2 years is impossible for many Landlords to sustain.

Whatever assistance or representation you can make on behalf of commercial landlords and commercial stratas would be very much appreciated.

Thank you

Kind regards