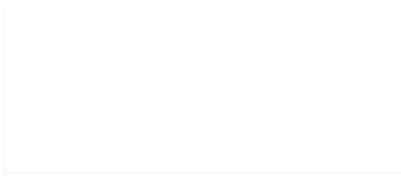


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I am making this submission as	A resident in a flood-affected area
Submission type	I am making a personal submission
Consent to make submission public	I give my consent for this submission to be made public

Share your experience or tell your story

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Your story	<p>We purchased our first home in November 2021, we had just begun to get settled when the Feb 28th flood occurred. Our home was completely inundated, the flood water went above the roof. Many of our walls buckled, ceilings have collapsed, the footings have shifted so that the house is now leaning toward the rear. The interior was devastated, we've had to tear</p>

out all the fittings and furnishings and pull the walls apart.

The house is uninhabitable and will be that way for a long time while we try to repair.

Terms of Reference (optional)

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1.1 Causes and contributing factors

The unprecedented scale of this flood, and the short time frame between the February and March floods suggests to me that we are seeing the effects of climate change begin to intensify natural disasters.

Inaction on climate change, despite decades of warnings, has led to this.

Continued inaction is morally reprehensible and yet those in power still refuse to take climate change seriously.

1.2 Preparation and planning

On the eve of the flooding many people were caught off guard as the warnings that were issued were severely understated

1.3 Response to floods

The defence force were mobilised far too slowly. On the day of the flood the vast majority of rescues were made by the community taking action, getting into boats and risking their own safety to save others.

1.5 Recovery from floods

The deployment of defence to help clean up was useful, however there is still mountains of work to be done and the defence force have already been removed.

The RFS have been amazing.

Government support has been lacklustre at best, again most support has been community led, with organisations like the Koori Mail leading the recovery support.

Supporting documents or images

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