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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

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Share your experience or tell your story

Your story

I live in Dunoon, 20km from Lismore. Lismore is our local service town where my partner and I work and where our children go to school, it is our community.

In the very early hours of Monday the 28th of February, like many I witnessed the the calls for help on social media. It was distressing.

As the small SES team and locals initiated

rescues I traveled to the flood water edge on Dunoon rd, near the Showgrounds and like many other local residents, ferried traumatised flood victims to ad-hoc evacuation centres at Tullera Hall, Modanville school and Dunoon sports club. The community response to this horrific event was tremendous.

We experienced power blackouts, and long periods of internet and phone distribution for 8 days following the first flood.

There was limited food supply, inability to access essential medical services/prescriptions and no fuel.

The government response was too slow, if it were not for the heroic efforts and compassion of community members, I am sure many more lives would be lost.

Now, our local area is still devastated. We have lost our town, the government response is lacking. There is no clear direction on the rebuilding of infrastructure, homes and businesses.

Terms of Reference (optional)

The Inquiry welcomes submissions that address the particular matters identified in its [Terms of Reference](#)

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Climate change

1.2 Preparation and planning

Greater support for SES. Requires an updated technological approach.

Supporting documents or images
