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**To:** [Flood Inquiry](#)  
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## Your details

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## Submission details

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

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## Share your experience or tell your story

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<b>Your story</b>	<p>We live in Smith drive west ballina where it has NEVER come anywhere near flooding. Being cut off by road was a joke at 1st as we had no idea what was coming. While eating a roast dinner with our neighbours someone looked outside and the water had risen fast and all the dishes were left on the kitchen bench and we retreated to higher ground, a</p>
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camper on our ute, having never experienced or expected anything like this I was mentally unprepared.

We woke to the water rising so fast and only myself and Hubby to try and save our belongings.

I was totally useless, I could not properly process what was happening or what I should be doing. Our neighbours help lift some of our essential items but the water came up so fast that we had to call it.

From then on we had no way of contacting anyone, no power, no phone reception, not even a working radio.

Our property is reliant on power for water and sewer so now it is getting real.

We don't have a generator but have 2 solar panels.

We try to save as much food from the house as possible but with no sun the panels are of little use.

This was our life for maybe 5 days, totally cut off, no one came to see if we needed anything, we were kayaking between the camper and the neighbours flooded caravan to share supplies. If I was to sum it all up, I was scared, hungry, mentally lost, using a bucket as a toilet and smelling like a hobo.

If you have not been through it you have no idea, you would be in the kayak and there is spiders and bugs all over it trying to survive.

No land for the dogs to take a crap!

I could go on and on but hopefully you get it!

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

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

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## **Supporting documents or images**

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### **Attach files**

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