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To: [Flood Inquiry](#)
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Submission details

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 give my consent for this submission to be made public
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Share your experience or tell your story

Your story	We live at <input type="text"/> kilgin rd, our property has never seen a flood like this. My family has owned this property for over 100 years. Our home is built on a mound 1.5m out of flood of 74 . The new Highway has created a dam with little escape routes for water. This was not planned properly for the flood plains this needs to be resurrected and people compensated. We (my partner and 4 small children) were rescued off our roof in the
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early hours of 1st of March by locals no help from ses. We lost our home our business, animals and our farm crops. 17 of our animals died in our house. My children had to watch our goats drowning from our rooftop as our house was going under. This is the highways fault.

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

The new Highway has created a dam which floods the town of Woodburn to more extreme heights than it's ever seen. It then holds the water there as there is little areas for it to escape. The Highway should have been built on Piers. I have lived on my property for 34 years my grandfather was born in my house. The flood of feb/March 2022 is unheard of. The water at our property was in my home on a mound 1.5 metres out of flood for 10 days.

1.2 Preparation and planning

The Highway upgrade has major impacts on the town of Woodburn. They even had to pump water out of the streets near the soccer fields as the Highway has created a dam.

1.3 Response to floods

Fix Highway and fix our houses

1.4 Transition from incident response to recovery

We rang the ses on 1 st of March as we were sitting on our roof we had a return call 3 days later at midnight.

1.5 Recovery from floods

We are screwed, we have no option for flood cover we have 4 young children with no where to live. Our house is stripped to the studs. Our emergency accommodation we are on ends this Friday because people are coming to holiday in Evan's head. And the government hasnt given us any other option other than move to Brisbane, this is not an option.

Supporting documents or images

Attach files

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