

**From:** [NSW Government](#)  
**To:** [Flood Inquiry](#)  
**Subject:** Floods Inquiry  
**Date:** Saturday, 21 May 2022 5:59:59 PM

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## Your details

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**Postcode** 2482

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## Submission details

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**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

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**Your story** I live at Oleander St Mullumbimby about 30 meters opposite Saltwater creek. On the Sunday night of 28th Febuary I evacuated my house with my cat and slept for 2 nights in my campervan in the car park of Coolamon Villa aged care facility. I returned Tuesday am to find my garage and contents therein and garden devastated and the water missed entering my house by literally

centimeters . lam on concrete piers and debris was hanging form the underneath timber frames. . This evacuation was repeated again on 29th March but this time staying at a friends place at Coolamon scenic drive where a landslide occurred and my car was unobtainable for 5 days. It was finally towed out by a tow truck thru a neighbours property damage to my place was minimal for this event. ., except the ground is still covered in mud from the continuing incessant rain

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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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<b>1.1 Causes and contributing factors</b>	Heavy rain over many days but made worse by blocked drains and over growth in Saltwater creek and Mullumbimby creek
<b>1.2 Preparation and planning</b>	Constant surveillance of BOM which did not give alert until late . I just left because of rising water.
<b>1.3 Response to floods</b>	As per above
<b>1.4 Transition from incident response to recovery</b>	Harrowing . A family member from Coffs Harbour came to help once highway opened . Still recovering psychologically
<b>1.5 Recovery from floods</b>	In progress ..hampered by constant rain and PTSD although I fared much better than others.
<b>1.6 Any other matters</b>	I would like to see serious mitigation measures taken in Mullumbimby town and surrounds. Its a constant battle to have the inappropriate and archaic drainage system cleaned especially the open drains . Appropriate evacuation centre and advised in a timely manner with an efficient alert system. Telstra is not reliable. Strategic planning for all of infrastructure and further development.

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## Supporting documents or images

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