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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
Consent to make submission public	I give my consent for this submission to be made public

Share your experience or tell your story

Your story	I am a 70 year old widow on age pension. My house was inundated up to knee height on February 28. The house is toxic with mould and I am unable to live there until it is remediated. I am fortunate to have insurance, but it will be a very long process since the first stage of strip-out has only just commenced this week, and there is such a shortage of builders another tradespeople

I am raising my house, which will take all my savings, superannuation, etc.

I moved to South Golden Beach 9 years ago and the flooding in my garden has become increasingly worse since. I have written several emails to Council about the drainage issues which cause this, particularly lack of maintenance, such as in clearing of easements, runoff from a new housing development on the hill above, etc. This has resulted in the flooding becoming worse and more frequent over the years.

Myself and neighbours have been promised drainage work when the council applied for government grants, but these were knocked back. And the inundation of our houses is unfortunately the inevitable result.

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	Drainage, and lack of maintenance of existing facilities
1.2 Preparation and planning	Maintenance and mitigation against further flooding More grants for house raising. Better preparedness in organisational structure.

Supporting documents or images

Attach files	• House during flood.JPG