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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	<p>For 2 days before the flood (feb 28) predictions of a minor possible flood (9.something meters) started. So we prepared for waist height water under the house. My house stands at 11.68 meters. For the next day and a half the predictions casually went uo to 10.something, a levee overtop. So we took everything up onto the verandah. On the night of the 28th we had decided to stay in the house relying on ses</p>
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predictions of 10.something knowing at 11.68 we would be safe. Through the night watching the water come up and watching the predictions we felt ok. But watching social media (facebook) we became wary about staying. Seeing posts from upstream saying lismore getout now and watching the speed the water was coming up was nerveracking. And when ses said at 12.30am it would be 12.7 we knew it would be knee deep in the house. With 3 adults 2 children 2 dogs and 2 cats thats when we decided to evacuate. We left through waste deep rushing water at 1am (from 10 bright st). My youngest son 11yo got swepped off his feet and my wife just managed to grab him before he was gone. We left expecting it to get to 12.7, the latest ses report. Our friend went to our house in his boat when daylight came. The water was at our gutters.

If we stayed following the ses reports im positive we all would not have survived. It was instinct and reports from locals upstream via social media that saved us.

Terms of Reference (optional)

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1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Lack of warning from ses of severity of the situation.

1.2 Preparation and planning

More sirens need to be placed around the basen warning of overtop. 1 every 500 meters so everyone in the basen knows when its happening.

Bore flood spillways directly to the ocean. They can also double for underground water storage for droughts.

Build a complex to house interstate rescue crews.

Build a permanent evacuation centre. With single basic rooms and facilities for donation and distribution.

Supporting documents or images

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