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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

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Share your experience or tell your story

Your story Flood unfolding more dramatic as public relations of ses and bom communicated. Arriving at the LCC before opening hours and no one had a clear plan on how to handle the situation. Lack of preparedness obvious - no plan for Desaster scenario. Helping at evac center later the day after waiting for instructions. After total chaos it was great to witness the

community support to council for days to get the situation under control. Resilience NSW came in far too late and poor communication of help being on the way. Waiting for government response was disappointing. Morrison failed us. ADF gone back too early - they need to be involved again. Tradies from afar need to be brought in.

Relocate council and ses out of floodzone. Create elevated and relocated Bruxner and including a ring Highway around Lismore and elevated connections to pacific highway at ballina to keep transportation open at any given time.

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	Lack of maintenance of road sides, drains and river systems (not dredging but securing swamps and trees along waterways in catchment) - removing livestock from creeks.
1.2 Preparation and planning	Prepare for the worst. PMF 16+ meters. No one has done the basic risk mitigation.
1.3 Response to floods	Terrible to send volunteers away and make red tape everywhere...
1.4 Transition from incident response to recovery	Too early - organizing for recovery is good as early as possible but do not fool the public by announcing recovery when the is still emergency support and rescue operations ongoing. Don't think in singular locations for announcements but as a Desaster region. Remove council borders but look at impact zones.
1.5 Recovery from floods	Long. Very long. Bring in long term help and support from outside the disaster zone.
1.6 Any other matters	Great community does not excuse piss poor government and council performance and for the sake of "we are all in this together" those official bodies have to show foresight, risk mitigation,

preparedness and leadership.

Supporting documents or images
