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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 My house was flooded on the night of February 28/March 1 to a depth of about 60cm. The garage was a metre under water and the road about a metre and a half. I lost my car, furniture, electrical appliances, etc and one floor and several walls had to be replaced. Some young men evacuated me and my three cats in a boat and took me to an emergency centre. I am 78

years old and now face the prospect of moving away from my support network or undergoing the same flood trauma again.

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

Warming air temperatures mean increased rainfall, at least near the oceans. Thus climate change is partly responsible. But the biggest factor in my area is unchecked and ill-planned development on the floodplain. The open areas have been built over and the low parts filled in. No amount of dredging or improved drainage is likely to fix that, although it has to be said that the local council is not big on fixing infrastructure, including drains and gutters.

1.4 Transition from incident response to recovery

I had little interaction with official emergency response personnel as I was rescued by community members.

1.5 Recovery from floods

My home was cleaned by community members and it was this same community which helped repair the house and donate goods to replace some of what I had lost. Government was involved later with a welcome grant of \$20,000, which almost covers what I have had to spend.

Supporting documents or images
