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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 Coraki resident. I am on high ground so my property wasn't flooded, but had much runoff from heavy rain through my shed & through my roof in a couple of places.
My gripe is with the organisation 'that came about' in Coraki to assist people. The Uniting Church Evac Centre was isolated by flood for several days, a second evac centre was set up at Coraki Public School, then another Centre for

necessary goods & injury treatments - at St Joseph's School.

When the road was open to the Uniting Church, all goods from Coraki Public School & St Joseph's had to be transported to there & to the Fire Station.

Coraki Public School ceased to be an evac centre.

A day or so later The Coraki Community Hall then became the evac centre & all goods transferred there!

In other words 'It' was All Over The Place!!!! The trundelling of goods from one Centre to another - repeatedly, was hard work in the heat & congestion of the roads!

In all the flood time Adams Street was congested & gridlocked! Don't know why 'that' was not addressed!! Access to & from evac centres & Fire Station to drop/ pick up supplies was NOT cordoned off. People had parked cars, boats, people living in caravans, trucks, boats, heavy equipment, dogs, chooks, etc etc all over the place & NO ONE - Police SES ADF had controlled that & made it ordered & easy to travel to or through. Entry to & from SES & Fire Station was in the thick of it! It was so bizzare & slow!

Coraki now needs a multifunction stadium where Coraki Campbell Hospital used to be, to be used NOW as the Coraki Community Evac Centre. That area road was late to be cut off & early to recede of flood water I noted.

There is much space there that would take ALL that was parked on Adams Street these 2 floods. Helicopter landing space there & HealthOne on the doorstep!

Medics were at the Uniting Church when it was

isolated & later. We had a local lady RN at St Joseph's School when Uniting Church cut off. So this stadium needs showers, toilets & camping facilities set up there.

Coraki HealthOne was used for the very first time ever - 5 years it's been empty of medics - for a week I think it was from the Aboriginal Medical Service. I attended there for treatment twice with a laceration I got.

I consider the ADF should have been sent straight in to the Golf Club, set up mess tents & other, & they take charge of everything! Of course they liaise with all the other essential services, but I think they should have been logistically in charge of the whole catastrophe.

Terms of Reference (optional)

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1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Not sufficient warning anywhere.

1.2 Preparation and planning

Said above

1.6 Any other matters

Kerbside cleanup too slow & areas left with much earth disturbance & lots of bits of debris! Stupid slow one arm pincher grabber - how ridiculous. There are better grabber attachments I've seen on tv that take big bites for into trucks!

Then bobcat had to come along and pick up what piddly one arm machine couldn't, dug up the muddy ground & compressed into it all manner of rubbish. I couldn't believe my eyes on it all!

A gang of guys would have done a better job & cleaned it up thoroughly, without breaking it up like that stupid one arm & bobcat!

Supporting documents or images

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