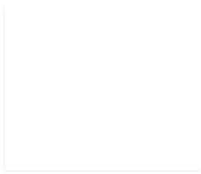


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Your details

Title	Mr
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Postcode	2488

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 wife and I have lived at <input type="text"/> Hastings Road since 1997. Water through flood events has never entered our home before. On Monday 28 February 2022 our home was inundated with 600mm of water. We had to be evacuated by SES as the street had 1.2m of water in it and it was not safe for my wife to leave by foot. To this date our house is uninhabitable. I am living with
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family while repairs to our home are undertaken. We luckily had insurance but this was not enough to cover all contents damaged or all building repairs needed.

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	I am of the opinion the NSW State Government's failure to regularly dredge Cudgen Lake was a contributing factor for the flood event. In addition the lake inadequately drains to the sea. The local drainage network is not cleaned out regularly enough by Tweed Shire Council. Specifically Mimosa Avenue needs better maintenance.
1.2 Preparation and planning	There was insufficient notice of the flood event and the extent of water received during this event.
1.3 Response to floods	Impressed with GIO as an insurance body - quick response given volume of claims. Impressed with Recovery Centre and Council and Army assistance and communication.
1.4 Transition from incident response to recovery	NA
1.5 Recovery from floods	I will choose to leave my home and sell as the fear of going back to a house that could flood is too much.
1.6 Any other matters	Thank you for allowing comments.

Supporting documents or images

- Attach files**
- [Hastings RD Army.jpg](#)
 - [Photo Hastings Rd SES.jpg](#)
 - [Photo Hastings Rd 1.2m in yard.jpg](#)
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