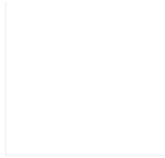


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Submission details

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>I have been local to the area, but this is the first time I have lived in a place that was threatened by flood. I evacuated, but was not affected.</p> <p>I was diligent in assessing my own risk, and taking action, but was surprised at the inaction of others around.</p>
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Terms of Reference (optional)

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1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Geo coded alerts - I don't understand why these are not being used more frequently. Perhaps with an opt out or silence function for those that are not wanting or needing the alerts.

Perhaps there should be a requisite check in for people in flooded areas - if they don't, then people will be door knocked - put some onus on those in flood affected areas.

1.2 Preparation and planning

I have heard discussions on flood level readings in towns, or areas of towns that will help people understand what a flood reading will mean for their property.

Discussions of RL's for a house that will make the risk of a given flood level more relevance. Even Google Maps has contour lines that can contribute.

Perhaps SES need a boating division, to train people with boats how they can best help in times of flood. Even a buddy system where a fully qualified person can lead one or two lesser qualified people willing to help.

1.3 Response to floods

SES are seriously understaffed. They need a better incentive scheme to attract good people to it. Gym membership, social benefits, some kind of reward system for those that donate their time...

1.4 Transition from incident response to recovery

I have spoken to locals that can't get a place locally, and people staying in NSW that have been displaced from QLD flooding events. Better mapping to identify affected people and where they are from, accommodation resources in locations and pairing those up needs to happen.

Supporting documents or images

