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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	Built new home in Broadwater. This block had not flooded in living memory. The water came from the farm behind us and not from the river. It's force was immense and cows were being dragged into the river past our home. We had 2 and 1/2 metres of water in the home for over a week as the water couldn't escape. We believe
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because the new M1 acted as a dam wall.

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

The cause was the shear volume of rain. The largest ever recorded. This area though settles back quickly, but this time the water couldn't get away.

1.3 Response to floods

The response was disastrous. The SES had 2 boats still locked in the shed . Private citizens came to rescue us from the first floor of our home. Broadwater was left to its own devices for about 3 days before all the evacuated people on the hill received any aid. We had no food, water or power for 3 days.

1.5 Recovery from floods

Very slow again, mud armies moved in very quickly, but they were private citizens again. The army did arrive later and were very helpful but it would've been better had they been here quicker. Our little local community of Broadwater and it together and it is the community that has held us up.

Supporting documents or images

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