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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 lived in casino with my 2 sons for ten years we consider it our home we have always felt secure here always had a house to live in but the day of the floods that changed</p> <p>I was at home in gitana street that day and watching the horror in Lismore on the news keeping in mind I'm just down the road from the river and jabout weir I walked down the river</p>
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about ten am and thought it looked so full I had my doubts about whether it would reach my house casinos never flooded to my knowledge so I went back home taking to family m friends etc who said loon just in case put some things up high and get ur personal things and pack a bag the day went on I knew things probably weren't good when I could see water almost coming up through my house drains so I proceeded to stay home with caution doing as advised I noticed neighbours etc didn't seem to concerned bout 6pm my neighbour can over and said put ur things up the waters coming from both ends I had got a text as well and in that time grabbed what I could and could see the water coming fast as I ran to my car a man who I don't know was at the end of my driveway and said if ur going go now I got in my car and got the give way sign where people were driving slowly to try to see what was happening I felt panicked and anxious quite scare as I was by myself at the time I remember shouting at them to hurry up I just wanted to get out fast I drove to the evacuation centre but I felt so alone and scare me didn't want to be around people I didn't know didn't even have a mattress or pillow so I called a friend stayed there for 2 weeks and now I'm a motel ever since with my two teenagers we lost everything we own managed to save a few clothes personal items etc but I feel forgotten I have applied for every rental in town and I am declined we work we live here and call it home now we can't even be housed it's affecting our mental health and we feel hopeless now with no steps if moving forward just stuck in a motel room for weeks in end

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