

**From:** [NSW Government](#)  
**To:** [Flood Inquiry](#)  
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## Your details

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## Submission details

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**I am making this submission as** A member of the general public

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**Submission type** I am making a personal submission

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**Consent to make submission public** I give my consent for this submission to be made public

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## Share your experience or tell your story

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**Your story** I live in the Clarence Valley and grew up in the Valley and am aware of the impact of flood damage to the community. Whilst I feel very sorry for those affected, we need to realise the areas affected are a flood plain and before the land was cleared it was thick rainforest. This tells us that these areas get a lot of rain at times.

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## Terms of Reference (optional)

The Inquiry welcomes submissions that address the particular matters identified in its [Terms of Reference](#)

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<b>1.1 Causes and contributing factors</b>	Building on a floodplain is not very sensible, it's a sure bet your building will get affected by flood water
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<b>1.2 Preparation and planning</b>	Existing dwellings need to remember water will rise and prepare accordingly, ie move everything out if you don't want to lose it. People living on the flood plain need to educate themselves on the risks and the telltale signs from gauges, etc that a flood is on the way, don't wait for others who don't live in the area to provide the information and evacuation advice. Prepare yourself, don't wait for the government funded forces to come to the rescue. No further dwellings should be approved to build on flood prone areas.
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<b>1.3 Response to floods</b>	Since when has it just been up to the Government to fix it all, hasn't been that like that in the past because people informed themselves and prepared early
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<b>1.5 Recovery from floods</b>	In the past it was always the local neighbourhood with local services who cleaned up. There was no relying on Government aid and handouts because people prepared for the rising water.
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<b>1.6 Any other matters</b>	Don't keep rebuilding in flood prone areas and then have taxpayers foot the bill for yet another cleanup. That is madness
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### Supporting documents or images

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