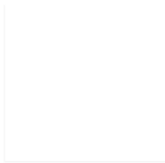


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Submission details

I am making this submission as	A resident in a flood-affected area
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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

Your story	I live in East Lismore. We bought in 2017 knowing the home has never been flooded. We looked at other homes in south lismore and Lismore and decided not to purchase due to the cost of flood insurance. Thank god we did, as luckily our home was flood insured. It probably never will be again unless we can pay to raise it. What troubles me is I received no SES
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evacuation notice. I stayed up all night monitoring Facebook which is the only reason we left without being traumatised.

We have 3 dogs and 2 primary school aged children. Based on what I was reading on Facebook and messages from friends, I panicked and we left early at 6.30am. We knocked on our 80-90 year old neighbours door then to alert them as they had no idea, we were very worried about them.

We could take refuge with friends and family, and we were insured, we are the "lucky ones".

But still impacted, including loss of work.

I wonder if the better general maintenance and repair of local drains could've made the difference between our house flooding or not?

We have never seen work done on the drains near our home in the 5+ years since we bought it.

Terms of Reference (optional)

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

Supporting documents or images
