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

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**Title** Mr

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**First name** Maverick

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**Last name** Miles

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**Email**

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**Postcode** 2756

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## Submission details

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**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

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**Your story** I run a stable and horse training facility in McGraths Hill. In 2021 and 2022 we have had to evacuate all 32 of our horses to various locations around Sydney as our property was inundated by floods. our house has gone underwater twice, we have lost Hundreds of thousands of dollars and our equestrian business has been crippled. we are not alone in experiencing this devastating situation.

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## Terms of Reference (optional)

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

<b>1.1 Causes and contributing factors</b>	The Warragamba Dam overflowing made the flooding immediately worse. Within 8 hours of the dam spilling into the Hawkesbury Nepean System the floodwater on our property had raised by several metres.
<b>1.2 Preparation and planning</b>	Since the 2021 flood we have been watching the dam levels and monitoring closely for low pressure systems. It is very frustrating to see the dam remain above 90% in a very wet year and assumed another major flooding event was inevitable. Unfortunately we were correct. no amount of preparation could save our property from the massive damage that the flood inflicted. Our evacuation plan was carried out very early and although we were able to save all of our horses we still lost many of our belongings, thousands of dollars in horse feed and fodder and massive damage to our infrastructure for the second year in a row.
<b>1.3 Response to floods</b>	I am in favour of the dam wall extension project. The estimates of saving 2400 homes in a 1:100 flood absolutely justify the project. The cost to the Hawkesbury of these avoidable events in massive.
<b>1.5 Recovery from floods</b>	The recovery of the 2021 floods was immediately undone less than 12 month after the event. The 2022 flood was more severe and more devastating. I was optimistic that we would return to normal after 2021 but now I cannot see how our horse agistment and training business can recover.

### Supporting documents or images

- Attach files**
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