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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
Organisation making the submission (if applicable)	Ocean Shores
Your position in the organisation (if applicable)	Ocean Shores
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

Access to my rural property share in Palmwoods Rd has been destroyed by recent landslides & flooding. Massive landslides on the escarpment are above the established studio & orchard/gardens. Smaller landslides below are starting to undermine the site. The driveway was recently repaired costing about \$5,000. This access affects 7 families. New damage repairs(still incomplete)have so far cost about \$10,000. New water tanks & irrigation systems also destroyed. Securing a mortgage & improving the property was stressful on my low income. Now recovery without assistance seems impossible. Thanks for your consideration, love, Niki.
PS. Many photos & invoices showing extensive damage are available.

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

Most damage has been caused by massive landslides from the Palmwoods escarpment. This has redirected floodwaters, trees, boulders & sludge through driveways. Causeways, watertanks & irrigation have disappeared.

1.2 Preparation and planning

trying to regain access, co-ordinating engineers assessments, excavators, roadworks & forest regen.

1.3 Response to floods

Begin to:
redirect waterways by removing landslips & stabilizing driveway erosion.
rebuild causeways.
replace irrigation systems & watertanks.

1.4 Transition from incident response to recovery

driveway needs to dry out to get gravel delivered.
causeway needs repair for further access for any traffic & deliveries.
Very strategic time for regen & stabilization.

1.5 Recovery from floods trying to stabilize landslides by earthworks & revegetation - (so far on low- budget)

1.6 Any other matters suffering severe financial stress & concerns about asset protection.

Supporting documents or images

Attach files

- [driveway 20220319_123142.jpg](#)
- [20220320_130805.jpg](#)
- [20220306_104826.jpg](#)





