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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>Our house is high set, so the living area was not affected, however underneath had approximately 1 metre of water through it.</p> <p>We have lived in the house for 30+ years, so besides the laundry a lot of our tools and possessions were stored in this area in 2 storerooms.</p> <p>Area has had initial clean out and damaged</p>
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items dumped. The area has been stripped by insurance company.

We are still awaiting settlement of insurance claim before we can proceed with restoration, etc.

Estimated figures at the moment are \$50,000 for restoration, etc. \$35,000 for contents including equipment and the loss of 1 vehicle \$3,400.

We did not need to move out.

Underneath is partially stripped. Slight mould problem. All utilities are operational, except laundry and downstairs toilet and shower.

Personal impact has been minimal, except in first week after flood.

A number of residents in our street slept through the rising water, not hearing evacuation orders received through sms or not being listed for contact.

A community alarm system of beeping car horns as evacuating your street, if common knowledge, would alert residents of the rising flood waters.

Also, as long term residents, the re-opening of the outlet to the sea, just north of South Golden Beach would, we believe, eliminate a lot of flooding downstream.

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

See above, sea outlet needs to be re-opened.

1.2 Preparation and planning

See above, a community alarm system of beeping of car horns as evacuating would assist all residents in your locality.

1.4 Transition

More assistance from Government (all levels) in

**from incident
response to
recovery**

flood clean up, debris and damaged goods
removal.

**1.5 Recovery from
floods**

Roads need to be upgraded and repaired
properly, not ineffectual patchwork.

Supporting documents or images

Attach files

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