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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	Following unprecedented severe rain event, our house in South Golden Beach flooded internally to 650mm. In our Wilsons Creek property, flood waters created such devastation that it looked like a hurricane had hit, with hundreds of trees uprooted and fallen. Our community was particularly hard hit with dozens of landslips, one killing a much loved resident in her home, another severely injuring a resident. These
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landslides damaged the creek, roads, gardens and houses. The flood waters ripped away bridges and roads. The government was slow to act, and only acted to the barest minimum. Most rescues and remedial works are being done, and continue to be done, by community members working voluntarily. The floods in Lismore represent a humanitarian disaster, particularly with the ever worsening housing crisis, that the government continues to ignore.

This climate crisis is real, and up close, and has resulted in extreme floods and fires in very recent times. What will be next? Meanwhile our government continues to give billions of taxpayers funds to the fossil fuel industry, who with their political donations, create open doors for strong lobbying. This is obviously not in the best interests of the community - just a select handful of "mates".

A federal well funded and strong ICAC needs to be enacted urgently.

The government in power needs to act urgently on climate change, here in Australia and by pressuring other countries to follow our lead.

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	Climate Change
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1.2 Preparation and planning	Stop subsidising fossil fuels.
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Supporting documents or images
