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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 We recently brought out lovely 8 acre property in Meadow drive South Lismore. 4months prior to the flood. We knew the risks the floor heights and 74 levels. That night we moved everything up above 74 upstairs and in our top farm shed along with our livestock and dogs we had repeated sms fro. SES saying 17 levels then 74 then 13.5m by the following afternoon I stayed

based on this advise. At 3am we were at 13.5m it was in our house floor level 13.3. It was alot quicker and larger then warnings coming through people were caught out it was night and people though they had to the morning sunrise. The rain was heavy I mad the decision to get on my roof by 4am it was knee knee height by then in my house. I watched my livestock and dogs swim for there lives I heard screaming from neighbours I feared for my life. SeS wouldn't come until daylight I spent 12hrs on our roof watching everything we worked for be destroyed I couldn't help but to think the government will look after us after this surely. We'll I was wrong it's been nothing but red tape and minimal money provided my home is not habitable my kids schools are gone they are having to deal with changing schools and lose of everything they ever had. I look at the schools 3months on NOTHING is happening at a appropriate pace surely that would be a priority? Obviously not. We want to stay everything we have everything we invested in is here we can't just walk away and cut our loses. We would like to see house raising on our house we are single story at 13.3m floor level so to raise is an option for us BUT we can not afford to do this we need help. We are tired of waiting for govt to make a decision or provide appropriate funds not just 20k.... I want to see better flood mitigation for south and north Lismore to be honest the CBD was dead prior so you need to consider this when looking at measures.

Personally we feel deserted and lost in what our future is. We want to stay unless our money can be matched in a payout or land swap we won't go otherwise. I believe dams/dredging/retentions and diversions are an option and yes they won't stop a massive flood but they can reduce peak heights by meteres.

Forever a Southie

Terms of Reference (optional)

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1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Lack of advice and government action

1.2 Preparation and planning

Needs to be handed back to locals

1.3 Response to floods

Faster quicker you set up resilience Agency both state and federal both are hopeless and I'll prepared for rollouts

1.5 Recovery from floods

Resilience agency's need Re modelling or cut all together. You learnt nothing from the Fires

Supporting documents or images
