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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 were rescued from our home on the 28th February 2022. We were in cold, muddy water up to our shoulders. We left behind our cat and bird. We had three boat rides to reach safety and we were checked over in Lismore Base Hospital.
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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

We received a lot of rainfall leading up to and including the night before not only in our area but all along the coast, from Brisbane to Coffs Harbour.

1.2 Preparation and planning

We have a flood plan, as we have lived with floods for 33 years. We lifted our belongings from the lower level, thinking this would be high enough (usually it would be), and placed other items up on shelves on the lower level, that my husband had installed specifically for this purpose, but we had 5ft of water in our upper story of our home. The water rose so fast and we couldn't lift our things higher, so we lost basically everything.

1.3 Response to floods

We received numerous notifications regarding river heights. ADF personal we're doorknocking and advising to leave if you wanted too.

Supporting documents or images

Attach files

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 - [70F18FA9-41FE-40C8-92D9-3AA629C03B6D.jpeg](#)
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