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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>2017 - I had recently moved to Lismore. I had a [REDACTED] flat on Brewster Street. I know it was raining a lot and town was going to be flooded. I got a text at like 3am saying evacuate the CBD. I was not in the CBD and didn't know I was at risk. Water began pouring in at 7am and I managed to get a few valuables and my 2 cats up the stairs just in time. Water went to the</p>
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ceiling and I lost all I owned, collected over 30 years. It has been a long and drawn out traumatic experience to find a new home (3 years) and get some sort of semblance back together.

2022 - It wasn't just bad this time, it was a catastrophe. We can not have this keep happening to people and our local businesses. Mitigation is lunacy. We can not come up with any man made solutions to combat that amount of water. 14.2 metres this time. They say it could go to 16. We can not keep expecting government to pay us out and subsidise us each and every flood. 3 in 5 years. W

We need to move. We have ample land. The best solution would be to relocate all the old timber homes out of the basin, with the shops and commercial precinct up just 1 km away, on the North Lismore Plateau.

We seriously can't keep doing this over and over.

The NRRC will hopefully have adequate power and funding to achieve this in a timely manner. Please help us. The town is destroyed and can not be fixed.

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## Terms of Reference (optional)

The Inquiry welcomes submissions that address the particular matters identified in its [Terms of Reference](#)

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### 1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Mittigation.

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### 1.2 Preparation and planning

Move to North Lismore Plateau.

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### 1.5 Recovery from floods

This is taking me years after 2017.

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## Supporting documents or images

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### Attach files

- [IMG\\_3687 \(1\).jpg](#)

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- [IMG\\_3689.jpg](#)
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