



THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS**

**Inquiry into insurers' responses to 2022 major floods claims**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Thursday 11 April 2024**

**Invercauld House  
163 Invercauld Rd, Goonellabah, Lismore**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
9.00 am	<p><b>Lismore City Council</b> Mayor Steve Krieg Ms Katherine O'Regan, Head, Investment and Growth</p> <p><b>Richmond Valley Council</b> Ms Angela Jones, Director Community Service Delivery</p> <p><b>Byron Shire Council</b> (<i>Submission 54</i>) Mr Mark Arnold, General Manager Mrs Esmeralda Davis, Director, Corporate and Community Affairs Ms Sarah Boule, Recovery Coordinator</p> <p><b>Clarence Valley Council</b> Councillor Steve Pickering, Councillor Councillor Debrah Novak, Councillor</p> <p><b>Tweed Shire Council</b> Mr Danny Rose, Acting Director Engineering</p>
<b>10.05 am</b>	<b>Break</b>

10.10 am	<p><b>Business NSW</b> Ms Jane Laverty, Regional Director, Northern Rivers Region</p> <p><b>Summerland Bank</b> Mr John Williams, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p><b>Living School</b> Mr John Stewart, Founder and Conductor</p> <p><b>Business Lismore</b> Mr Ben Andersen, President</p> <p><b>Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce</b> Mr Matt Williamson, President</p> <p><b>Nickel Energy and Hotel Metropole</b> Mr Nick Lake, Director</p> <p><b>Our Future Northern Rivers</b> Mr Thomas Trevan, Spokesperson Ms Elizabeth Trevan, Coordinator</p>
<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
11.20 am	<p><b>Community statements:</b> <b>Mr Doug Foskey, Private Capacity</b></p> <p><b>Ms Terry Lawrence, Private Capacity</b></p> <p><b>Southern Cross University</b> Dr Hanabeth Luke, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Science and Engineering</p> <p><b>Mr Le Khanh (Henry) Luong, Private Capacity</b></p> <p><b>Ms Aveley McCann, Private Capacity</b></p> <p><b>Ms Kate Olivieri, Private Capacity</b></p>
<b>12.10 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
12.15 pm	<p><b>Resilient Lismore</b> Ms Elly Bird, Executive Director Mr Jonathan Smith, Field Coordinator</p> <p><b>Social Futures</b> Ms Lucie White, Program Manager Service Delivery</p> <p><b>Legal Aid NSW (Submission 34)</b> Ms Elizabeth Lehmann, Senior Outreach Solicitor, Disaster Response Legal Service</p> <p><b>Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre</b> Ms Patricia MacFarlane, Lead Solicitor, Disaster Response and Recovery Team Mr Aran Matkevich, Solicitor</p>
<b>1.05 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

1.40 pm	<p><b>Northern Rivers Flood Action Group</b> (<i>Submission 51</i>) Mr Tony Carusi, President Mr Neale Hundy, Owner</p> <p><b>Woodburn IGA and Super Cellars</b> Ms Kath Cremin, Secretary and Treasurer</p> <p><b>Woodburn Business &amp; Community Chamber</b> Mrs Tania Hundy, Vice-President</p> <p><b>Sunshine Sugar</b> Mr Chris Connors, Chief Executive Officer</p>
<b>2.30 pm</b>	<b><i>Break</i></b>
2.35 pm	<p><b><i>Community statements:</i></b> <b>Ms Joanne Bradbury, Private Capacity</b></p> <p><b>Belisa Pty Ltd</b> Mr Richard Jones, Managing Director</p> <p><b>Mr Colin McAndrew, Private Capacity</b></p> <p><b>Mr Steuart McPherson, Private Capacity</b></p> <p><b>Mr Paul Thomas, Private Capacity</b></p> <p><b>Ms Peggy O'Connor, Private Capacity</b></p> <p><b>Ms Svea Pitman, Private Capacity</b></p> <p><b>Richmond River Crane Growers Association</b> Mr Leslie Geoffrey Pye, Chair</p>
3.10 pm	<p><b>New South Wales Parliament</b> Ms Janelle Saffin, Member for Lismore, and Chair, Northern Rivers Community Leaders Forum</p>
<b>3.40 pm</b>	<b><i>Finish</i></b>