

Subject: Submission to Extreme Weather Inquiry

I work in NSW Health with the aged and disabled in the community. There are never enough monitoring services or domestic/personal care services to drop in on many vulnerable people who need services now let alone to ensure they plan & prepare for extreme heat or floods. Many people need monitoring on the day/s of these events and to offer an alternative place for them to go e.g. transport to air conditioned or flood free 'shelters'. Many people in the community have mental health issues, dementia, are intellectually impaired or incapacitated without regular carers. They need people to monitor them during these events and to provide alternatives. Police may have to assist in some cases should people not have insight into the consequences of doing nothing.

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