



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**

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

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

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