

## NSW Public Works Video Transcript

### Rebuilding together: Inmates contribute to Northern Rivers flood recovery

Andrew Cruckshank – Director Construction Procurement and Social Benefit, NSW Public Works

NSW Public Works managed the delivery of the temporary housing program following the unprecedented floods in the Northern Rivers of New South Wales in 2022.

There were eleven sites with 546 properties. The program was delivered in an environment of significant resource constraints so our partnership with CSI was critical in the successful delivery of the program.

Murray Saul – Program Director Temporary Housing Program, NSW Public Works

They currently do works for Schools Infrastructure in the refurbishment of school demountables. We came up with the design that CSI could utilise to refurbish the old demountable units into single pods for our villages.

Scott Everingham – Manager Industries – Demountables and Modular Housing, Corrective Services Industries

Rapidly built these at here at two business units here at Cessnock and then we had another business unit at Goulburn. In total we did 165 homes. The first one was delivered in two and half weeks from when we got the approval to go ahead. Public Works took carriage of the install and overall, I think it was a really good solution.

Blake Conwell – Director Work and Education, Corrective Services NSW

There family or friends were reside or come from the Lismore region so they were really willing to get on board and help. We had a keen focus on getting inmates skilled and providing vocational training opportunities for them throughout this flood relief. So, as it was different to our BAU which is our demountables it kind of allowed them to broaden their skillsets.

Inmate – Cessnock Correctional Centre

On this project, I learnt how to weld, which is something I never did on the outside. Um I'm a carpenter by trade so on the outside its going to help me because I'm to be able to do more on the job sites. So, when you have projects like that they go out and you hear about how its helping people out, it makes you feel good, makes you feel like you're doing something worthwhile.

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