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Assignment # 2





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A RESCUE team uses an inflatable raft to bring a person to safety from a flooded home.—Reuters

## Evacuation ordered after dam overflows in Sydney

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It came after the Warragamba Dam, which provides much of the drinking water for Sydney, spilled over on Saturday afternoon — causing officials to warn the downstream Hawkesbury River was expected to peak at levels not seen since 1961.

"It is one of the biggest floods we are likely to see for a very long time," Bureau of Meteorology flood operations manager Justin Robinson said.

Floodwaters had already risen in several areas, prompting mass evacuations,

could be told to leave their homes in the coming days.

Authorities urged residents to heed the "dozens" of official warnings in place across affected areas, with State Emergency Service assistant commissioner Dean Storey saying those in evacuation zones "must leave immediately".

People had already begun flocking to evacuation centres in towns north of Sydney on Saturday as torrential rains pummelled a vast coastal region already soaked by an unusually wet summer.

State Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the region was experiencing a "one in 100 year event" and a national disaster had been declared.

In Taree, where television images showed one house floating down a bloated river, about 150 people slept in a local auditorium overnight that has previously been used as a refuge for people fleeing bushfires.

Club Taree chief executive Paul Allen described the floods as a "catastrophe".

some locals had "lost everything".

The Bureau of Meteorology said the wild weather was forecast to re-intensify north of Sydney on Monday before easing later in the week.

Conditions were "going to be treacherous yet again," senior climatologist Agata Imielska said.

Rainfall records were forecast to continue tumbling in the coming days, she added.

Emergency services reported receiving more than 7,000 calls for help and carrying out about 650 flood rescues since Thursday, with reinforcements being called in from other states.

The rain and floods were also expected to delay the already halting roll-out of coronavirus vaccines in Sydney and surrounding areas.

Australia is due to begin the first major public phase of vaccine distribution on Monday although the programme has slipped behind the government's announced timetable due to supply and

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