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THOUSANDS HOMELESS IN AUSTRALIAN FLOODS

While drought grips Britain, Hunter Valley, Australia examines the aftermath of the worst floods in N.S.W. history. Homes submerged at the height of the torrent re-emerge caked with mud after a week of terror. The underwater search for belongings goes on. Even the swimming pools are flooded out. In Maitland, many homes are beyond repair.

Seven-foot was the high-water mark. Nothing escaped the swirling waters.

Public services - gas, light and even water - will be out of action for three months. Yet the refugees come back to piece together the shattered remnants of their world. Government relief is being speeded up, as life returns to the stricken valley.