Appendix 2
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Appendix 2. Glossary of terms used in the present study.

**Damage exposure:**

Respondents endorsing at least one of items 2a-d (Appendix 1 online at mja.com.au) indicating damage to property or place resulting from the floods or cyclones were considered ‘exposed’ to flood or cyclone-related damage. All other respondents were considered ‘not exposed’.

**Affected (specific ‘damage exposure’):**

Respondents’ ratings of the degree to which they considered themselves ‘personally affected’ (items 2a(i) to 2d(i), see Appendix 1 online at mja.com.au) as a result of each endorsed ‘damage exposure’ (defined above). Respondents rating any item >1 were ‘affected’ by a specific ‘damage exposure’. All other respondents were considered ‘not affected’ by a specific exposure.

**Affected (in any way):**

Respondents returning a rating of >1 for item 1 (Appendix 1 online at mja.com.au) and/or being ‘affected’ by a specific ‘damage exposure’ (as above) were considered ‘affected’ *in any way*. All other respondents were considered ‘not affected’ in any way even though they may have reported ‘damage exposure’. Note that some respondents endorsing item 1 did not report being ‘affected’ by a specific ‘damage exposure’, and vice versa. By combining the responses to items 1 and 2 (Appendix 1 online at mja.com.au), a prevalence estimate for being ‘affected’ *in any way* was calculated.

**Emotional impact (‘trauma’, ‘distress’ and ‘worry’):**

Respondents endorsing any of items 5 through 11b (Appendix 1 online at mja.com.au) indicated some form of ‘emotional impact’. Items 5 and 6 assess ‘trauma’ impact *at the time* of the floods and cyclones. Items 10a to 11b assess the presence and degree of *continuing* ‘distress’ and ‘worry’ resulting from the disasters.