

### The story

The premier of New South Wales in Australia has described the flooding in parts of Sydney as a once-in-fifty-year event.

Speaking at a press conference, Gladys Berejiklian said another four thousand people may be asked to leave their homes.

### Key words and phrases

#### **torrential**

heavy and with strong flow

- The coastal city was lashed by torrential rain last weekend.
- The food festival was cancelled after a week of torrential downpours.

#### **batters**

strikes hard and repeatedly

- Strong winds battered the ship as it sailed across the channel.
- Witnesses claim that the victim was battered by police during the recent protests.

#### **kick in the guts**

extremely disappointing event or action

- It was a real kick in the guts when the students' exams were cancelled at the last minute.
- After firing me, my former employer sold my designs for millions of dollars! What a kick in the teeth!