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DISASTER ASSISTANCE ANNOUNCED FOR FLOOD AFFECTED NSW COMMUNITIES

Minister for Justice Michael Keenan and NSW Deputy Premier and Minister for Justice and Police Troy Grant today announced that disaster assistance has been made available for seven additional flood affected communities across New South Wales.

Minister Keenan said the Australian and New South Wales Governments are committed to working together to ensure communities across the state have the assistance they need to recover.

“Through the jointly-funded Commonwealth-State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) we will continue to activate disaster assistance to support flood affected communities,” Mr Keenan said.

A range of assistance is now available to the affected communities of Bogan, Coolamon, Junee, Murrumbidgee, Narrabri, Narrandera, and Weddin.

Minister Grant said today’s announcement of additional assistance takes the total number of disaster declared local government areas to twenty-eight and will speed up the recovery process for many communities affected by the floods.

“We are closely monitoring the flood situation and will make assistance available to other communities as required to allow local governments to get on with the job of rebuilding as quickly as possible,” Mr Grant said.

Under the NDRRA, a range of assistance is available to help flood affected individuals, small businesses, primary producers, and the local councils with their recovery, including:

- Help for eligible people whose homes or belongings have been damaged;
- Support for affected local councils to help with the costs of cleaning up and restoring damaged essential public assets;
- Concessional interest rate loans for small businesses, primary producers and not-for-profit organisations;
- Freight subsidies for primary producers; and
- Grants to not-for-profit organisations.

The 28 local government areas receiving NDRRA assistance are: Bathurst, Bland, Blayney, Bogan, Cabonne, Coolamon, Coonamble, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Cowra, Dubbo, Forbes, Gilgandra, Hilltops, Junee, Lachlan, Mid-Western, Murrumbidgee, Narrabri, Narrandera, Narromine, Orange, Parkes, Temora, Walgett, Warren, Warrumbungle, Weddin and Yass Valley.

For information on personal hardship and distress assistance, contact the Disaster Welfare Assistance Line on 1800 018 444. To apply for a concessional loan, grant or freight subsidy, contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593 or visit raa.nsw.gov.au.

Further information on disaster assistance is available at disasterassist.gov.au and emergency.nsw.gov.au.

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