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NEW DISASTER FUNDING FOR FLOOD-HIT FARMERS

NSW Deputy Premier and Member for Oxley Andrew Stoner today welcomed news that primary producers in the six local government areas of Bellingen, Greater Taree, Kempsey, Lismore, Nambucca, Port Macquarie-Hastings will today be eligible for clean-up and recovery grants of up to \$15,000.

Mr Stoner said the grants would be provided under the jointly funded Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

“This funding would help local farmers get back on their feet after the severe storms and floods that hit our region in January and February this year,” Mr Stoner said.

“I’ve seen firsthand over the years, the devastation the floods have caused with our local farmers – many of whom have been hit by a succession of serious flooding events – often the ones hit the hardest.

“The clean-up and recovery process is never an easy one, but the grants announced today will certainly make a difference at the ground level.

“Local Primary Producers should also be reminded the Minister for Primary Industries Katrina Hodgkinson has waived application fees on any flood repair work that required approvals under the *Water Management Act 2000*.”

Primary producers can apply for the grants through the New South Wales Rural Assistance Authority. Primary producers in these areas affected by the floods can contact the New South Wales Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593 or at www.raa.nsw.gov.au

Information regarding the range of assistance that is available in each of the affected local government areas in NSW can be found on the Australian Government’s Disaster Assist website at www.disasterassist.gov.au

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