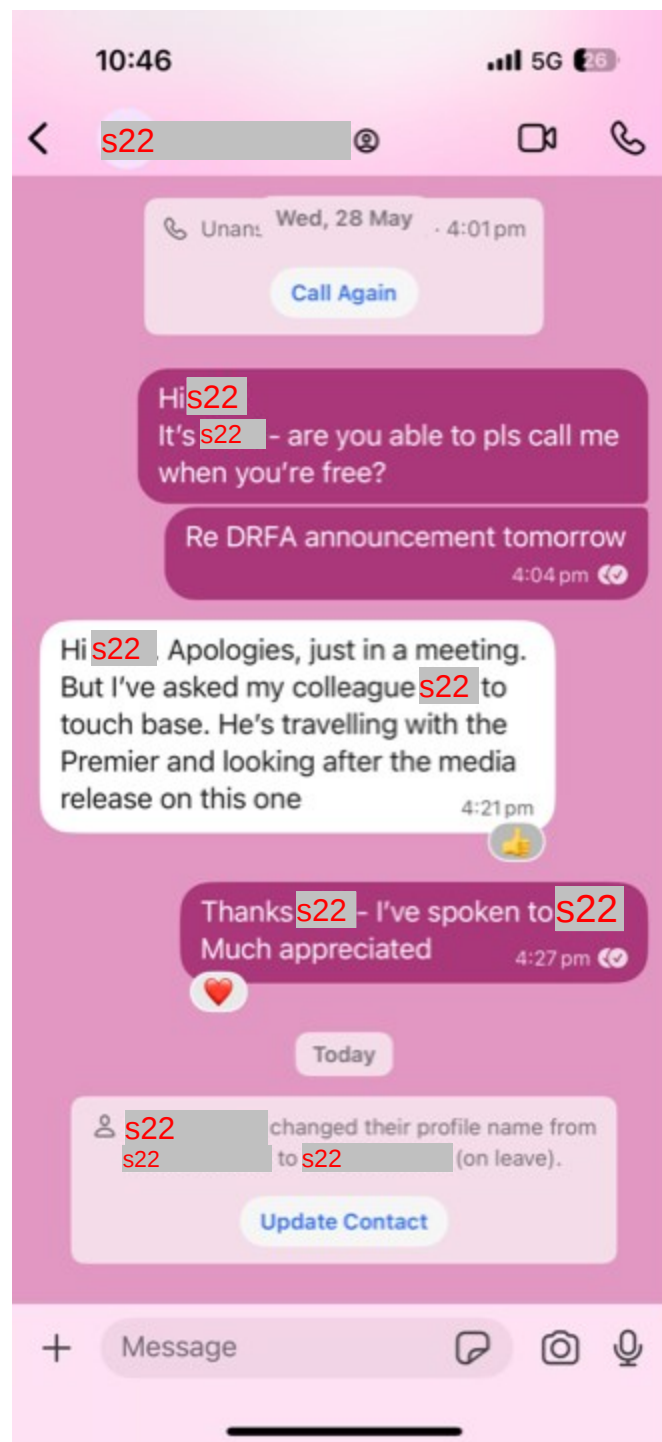
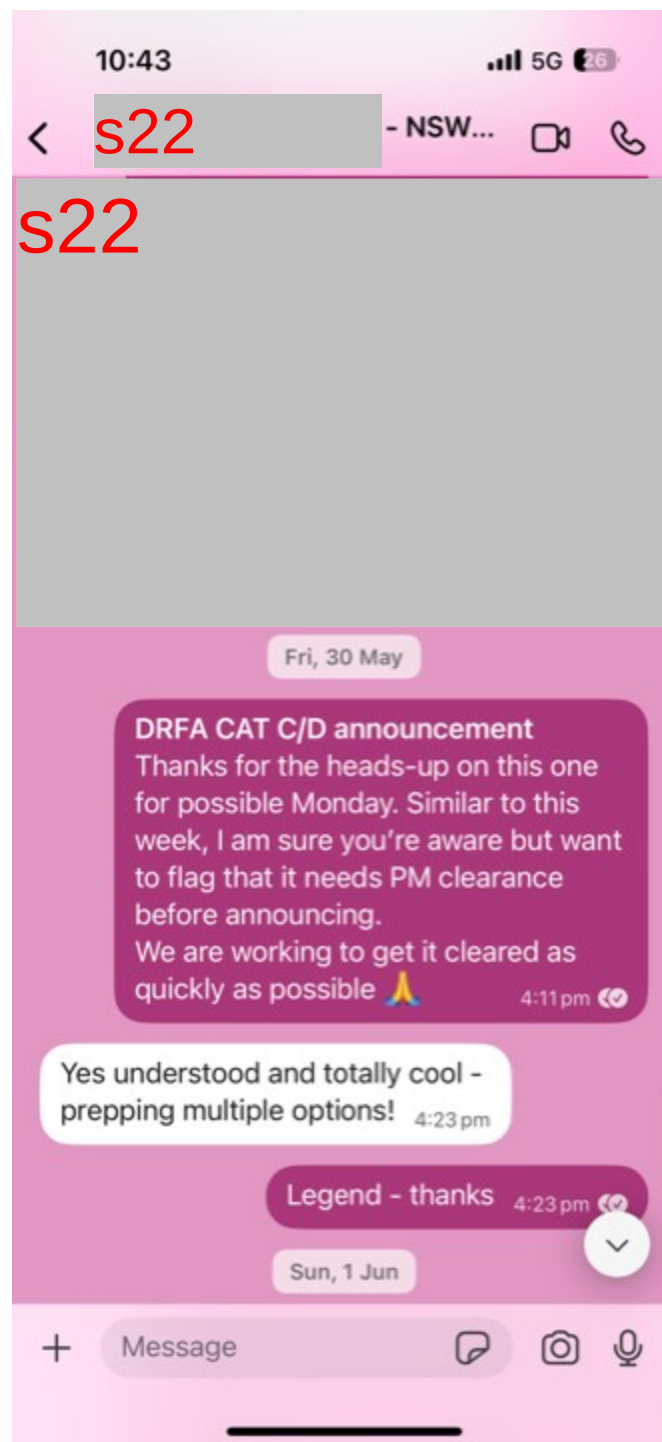
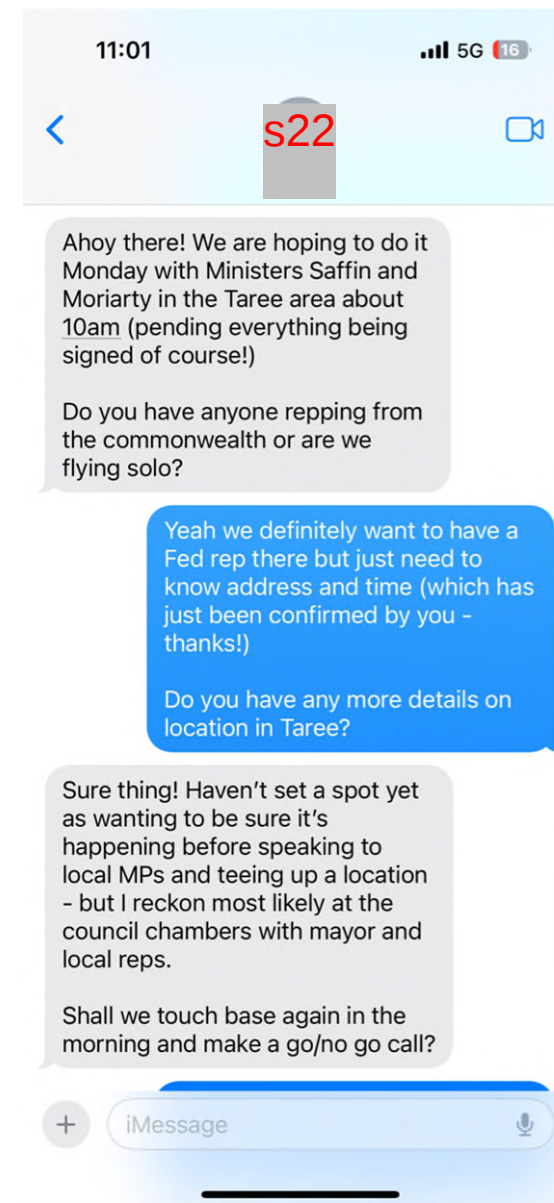
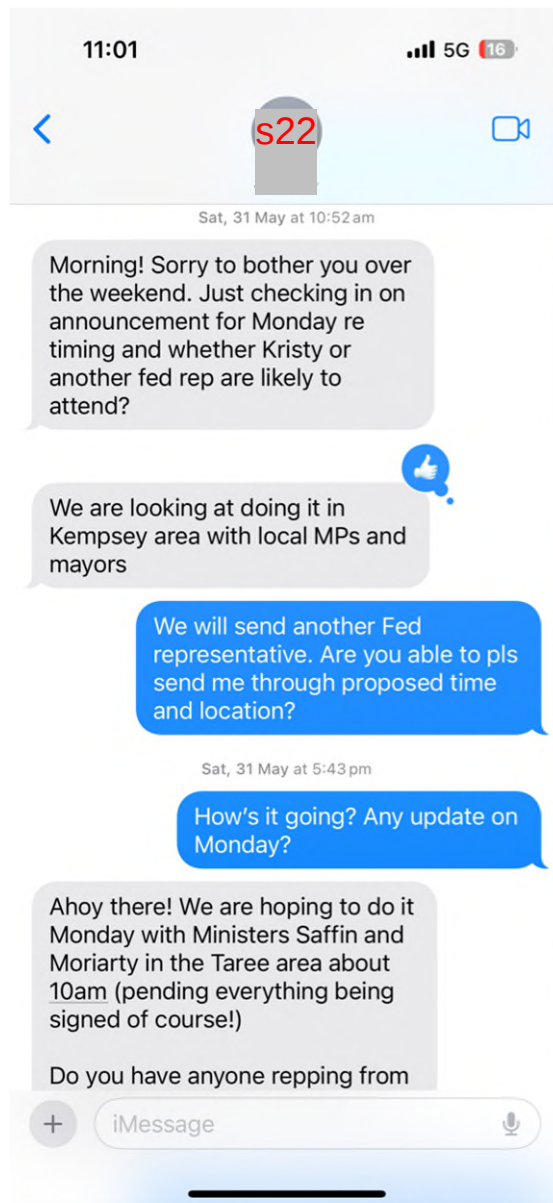










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peaceful evening 😊

Sun, 1 Jun at 10:09 am

Hi there, we're hearing back from NEMA that sign off not likely until Mon or Tues... probably makes it too much of a gamble to set up a Taree announcement for tomorrow morning given we'll have to alert media and others this arvo.

I'll go back to some of my team to confirm but wanted to flag with you we may just have to do a standup in Sydney on Tuesday or Wednesday. What do you reckon?

Thu, 5 Jun at 11:17 am

Heya, just checking next Tues/ Wed is definitely on? We can likely join for for Wednesday but need to move some things so wanted to be sure!

Wed, 11 Jun at 11:05 am

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Sent: Tuesday, 3 June 2025 11:33 AM
To: s22
Subject: RE: Cleared quotes from Prem, Ag Minister and Recovery Minister [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks so much! Can I just say that you have been an absolute delight to work with on this.

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Thanks – draft attached which I will be sending to the PMO shortly.

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Quotes to be attributed to NSW Premier Chris Minns

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“These grants, subsidies, and payments will help farmers and their families cover costs associated with clean-up and recovery, so they can get back to operating as soon as possible.

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“We encourage all farmers to submit full damage assessments to inform further assistance, if needed.

“The Rural Assistance Authority staff will available via the 1800 678 593 hotline to answer questions about the available support and to help people lodge their applications.

“Please lodge applications for this funding at the RAA website at www.raa.nsw.gov.au and call the hotline if needed.”

Quotes to be attributed to NSW Minister for Recovery and Small Business Janelle Saffin:

“This is about making sure that communities get the helping hand they need right now and the support they need so they can begin the long journey to recovery.

“We will keep working closely with our people in local governments, service providers and community organisations to ensure support reaches those who need it most.”

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Hi **s22**,

Thanks so much for your time on the phone just now.

As discussed, I've marked up some minor proposed edits and some comments for your consideration.

Let me know if you're comfortable or have any further changes.

Thanks,

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Hey team,

Thanks for your help on the joint MR. It didn't get raised in our Question Time in the end.

We've made some minor changes + added a section flagging openness to additional support, if it's needed.

Let us know if fine your end or any changes.

Thank you,

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I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and pay respects to elders past and present. I also acknowledge all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff working with NSW Government at this time.

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Subject: FOR NSW CLEARANCE - JMR DISASTER RECOVERY [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s22,

Please find attached JMR for NSW tick. Red lines to content only please, fine for you to play with NSW quotes.

Please note this has not gone through NSW MO clearance.

Once cleared we will distro from our end.

Cheers,

s22

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MINISTER FOR RECOVERY AND SMALL BUSINESS**

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

3 June 2025

**MORE SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND PRIMARY
PRODUCER FLOOD RECOVERY**

The Albanese and Minns Governments are delivering more funding to help communities recover from the recent severe flooding across the state.

This will include damage caused by East Coast severe weather and flooding in May and damage caused by Tropical Cyclone Alfred.

This funding will provide direct support for residents, farmers, small businesses and non-profit organisations and includes help for people who have lost their homes.

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Support has been made available under the joint Commonwealth-state Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), with the new funding to provide immediate and longer-term assistance for individuals, families and communities affected by flooding.

Support includes:

- Grants of up to \$25,000 for eligible small businesses (with fewer than 20 employees) and non-profit organisations to help clean up and restore their business.
- Grants of up to \$25,000 for eligible primary producers directly impacted by flooding to help with clean-up and getting their operations back on track.
- Grants of up to \$10,000 for eligible rural landholders to assist with clean-up, repairs and recovery work, including fixing damaged fences, infrastructure or equipment affected by East Coast severe weather and flooding.
- A \$5 million program to clear drainage on private land following Tropical Cyclone Alfred.
- A \$180 hardship payment for individuals, capped at \$900 for households of five or more, to help cover essential items like food, clothing and medicine following the recent flood event.

This package is part of ongoing efforts to support flood-hit communities as they recover and rebuild.

The impacts of flooding on primary producers across the Mid North Coast and in the Hunter are serious. Flood impacted farmers and primary producers are being asked to complete the NSW Government's Primary Industries Natural Disaster Damage Assessment (PiNDDA) survey, once it is safe for them to do so which will inform future recovery. These assessments are used to determine where resources are needed and how much help is required.

However, the Commonwealth and NSW Governments are not waiting for the completion of that work to launch the first tranche of the Pprimary Pproducer Rrecovery Ggrants. The initial primary producer recovery grant of up to \$25,000 supports the clean-upclean-up and the immediate recovery needs of primary producers and small businesses. The first \$5000 of the primary producers grant will be available using more limited documentation to get early help to producers.

In recent disasters, where exceptional circumstances have applied, grants have been provided up to \$75,000. The NSW Government will continue to monitor the

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needs of impacted communities and will work with the Commonwealth on any additional assistance that may be necessary.

Recovery grants for primary producers, small businesses and not-for-profit organisations will be available in the local government areas of Armidale, Ballina, Bellingen, Byron, Central Coast, Cessnock, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Dungog, Glen Innes Severn, Kempsey, Kyogle, Lake Macquarie, Lismore, Lord Howe Island, Maitland, MidCoast, Muswellbrook, Nambucca, Newcastle, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Port Stephens, Richmond Valley, Singleton, Tenterfield, Tweed, Upper Hunter and Walcha.

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Information on how to apply will be made available over coming days at www.nsw.gov.au/floodrecoveryupdates.

Quotes attributed to Prime Minister of Australia, Anthony Albanese:

"We know how tough this period has been for so many across New South Wales, and this funding is about making sure people get the support they need to recover and rebuild with dignity."

"This is a clear example of the Australian and NSW Governments working together to deliver real help on the ground where it's needed most."

"Whether it's helping families get back into safe housing, or supporting local businesses and farmers to clean up and keep going, we're standing with communities every step of the way."

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"For a natural disaster of this size and scale, we're going to be with these communities for the long haul."

Quotes attributed to Federal Minister for Emergency Management Kristy McBain:

"This significant funding commitment will deliver vital, practical support on the ground to help individuals, businesses and entire communities begin the long road to recovery after the devastating impacts of recent floods."

"We're working hand in hand with the NSW Government to ensure that recovery assistance is delivered efficiently to those who have been hardest hit and need help getting back on their feet."

"From hardship payments to clean up grants for primary producers and small businesses, this comprehensive package is focused on providing meaningful, targeted support that makes a real difference in people's daily lives."

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From: s22 @premier.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 4 June 2025 7:00 PM
To: s22 ; s22
Subject: FW: Response

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Hey team, FYI this is what we ended up going back to the Tele with, thanks.

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Subject: Response

Quotes attributable to Premier Chris Minns

“We know more help will be needed for the hardest hit primary producers on the Mid North Coast.

“We're very grateful for the support from the Commonwealth so far.

“But this can't be the end of support for the region, not by a long shot.”

Quotes attributable to NSW Minister for Recovery Janelle Saffin MP:

“We expect we will be proposing further Commonwealth-State support, especially for primary producers on the Mid North Coast.

“This is consistent with recent floods in Queensland, where \$25,000 grants were initially announced before support was later increased.

"The Commonwealth has made clear to states it fully expects them to make requests for Category C support before making Category D requests.

“So we will keep on working with the Commonwealth Government, the local members, and community leaders to ensure support gets to those harder hit areas and sectors.

“Recovery takes time. This one is only just beginning.

“But my promise to the communities on the North Coast and in the Hunter is that we will walk with you, we will listen to you, and we will work with you to rebuild and recover.”

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From: **s22** @nema.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 4 June 2025 3:19 PM
To: **s22**
Subject: As discussed - Daily Tele [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi **s22**,

Thanks for the chat – our lines are below, have not responded yet.

- Our Government is continuing to work closely with the NSW Government to help communities as they lead the recovery from the recent devastating floods.
- The NSW Government is working on collecting information on the impact to primary producers and once these assessments are complete, the NSW Government will work with the industry and our Government to identify both the sector impacts from disaster events as well as the identifying the required recovery needs to support primary producers.
- We will continue to work hand in hand with the NSW Government and of course will consider any additional funding requests from them when it is asked for.

Thanks,

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From: **s22** @nema.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 5 June 2025 12:43 PM
To: **s22**
Subject: FYI: NBN News statement request [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: As discussed - Daily Tele [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi **s22**,

Hope you're well – just letting you know we got the below, planning on sending back the three lines we provided yesterday.

Happy to chat.

Thanks,

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From: **s22** @nine.com.au <**s22** @nine.com.au> **On Behalf Of** NBN TAR news
Sent: Thursday, 5 June 2025 11:41 AM
To: PMO Media <media@pm.gov.au>
Subject: NBN News statement request

Hi there,

Hope you are well, my name is **s22** and I am the reporter for NBN news Taree. We are attending a media opp with Dugald Saunders and Tanya Thompson later this afternoon who are calling on the state and federal government for more funding for small businesses and primary producers post flood disaster. They say the \$25,000 dollar grants are not enough to help these industries get back on track.

Can I please get a statement from the government to include in my story?

My deadline is 3:30pm and I can be contacted on **s22**

Thank you so much and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

s22

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Kristy McBain
Federal Minister for Emergency Management
Federal Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories

Janelle Saffin
NSW Minister for Recovery
NSW Minister for Small Business
NSW Minister for the North Coast

DOORSTOP

Kristy McBain, Federal Minister for Emergency Management, and Janelle Saffin, NSW Minister for Recovery will be joined by Recovery Co-Ordinator Dave Owens, and Kinne Ring, Mayor of the Kempsey Shire Council, to provide an update on the flood recovery.

WHEN: 10:30am, Wednesday ,11 June 2025
WHERE: Kempsey Shire Council, 22 Tozer St, West Kempsey NSW 2440

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Sent: Thursday, 26 June 2025 10:39 AM
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MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND
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MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
TRANSCRIPT

E&OE TV INTERVIEW
SKY NEWS REGIONAL
THURSDAY, 26 JUNE 2025

SUBJECTS: NSW floods, Category D for primary producers

JAYNIE SEAL: The member for Cessnock has put forward a motion to remove all words after the word house in order to acknowledge the floods impacting NSW. Labor MP Clayton Barr addressed State Parliament, saying there has been a run of the most devastating natural disasters in history. The Minister says the local government is working with the Commonwealth to ensure the regions are getting the support it needs. The NSW budget included an additional \$4.2 billion of disaster relief across the forward estimates. Well, joining us live now is Emergency Management and Regional Minister Kristy McBain. Minister, thank you so much for joining us.

Yes, a big day yesterday and very unhappy farmers still. We just had one on this morning and I spoke to one yesterday as well. They said they're really disappointed with the lack of funding. Thirty days on and still no Category D. What can you tell us here?

KRISTY MCBAIN, MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Good morning, Jaynie. Good to be with you. We stand ready to assist the NSW government with further requests for support, which would bring that primary producer grant up to \$75,000. There has been a range of initiatives, both jointly and directly by the Commonwealth Government already activated, including Category D funding for rural landholders. To put it into context, there's been about 210,000 applications processed, over 30,000 calls that have been answered. And just in regards to direct payments from the Commonwealth, that disaster recovery payment and the disaster recovery allowance is already over \$169 million that has flowed through to the area. But we know people will be doing it tough and recovery is a long journey and we stand ready to assist NSW when they get those assessments done to increase that primary producer grant to \$75,000.

SEAL: It's not what I'm hearing, though, Minister. So, we had Josh, who has been on since the flooding started, and he has said that the government, have they received the applications from the State Government for Category D. He thinks that you haven't. We've also got a little bit of a clip to play that he wanted to bring forward to ask your Government, here it is.

JOSH, IMPACTED PRIMARY PRODUCER: And what I say to her, is that it quacks like a duck, ok? It looks like a duck, it's a duck. And Chris Minns, you know, get on with it, do your job, ok? We deserve this. And people up here are hurting and they've got bills to pay, ok? They need to get on with it and start to move forward.

SEAL: And I guess what else they're saying, Minister, is when the floods in Lismore occurred in 2021, it was seven days and they got the payments. But now 38 days and they're still really unsatisfied.

MCBAIN: Yeah, look, I can only but sympathise. I've been in the region on three separate occasions speaking directly with affected business owners, primary producers, including oyster farmers and local residents. I've been in contact with mayors and councillors and federal and state members in the area. Just yesterday I was in Sydney meeting again with the Minister for Recovery in NSW and the NSW Minister for Emergency Management. There has been Category D funding given, as I said, to rural landholders. This particular issue which that gentleman was just talking about is in regards to that primary producer grant. And again, I say we stand ready to assist NSW when that request comes forward.

SEAL: So, he was also with an insurance broker, Minister, and he was talking about the payments and comparing the 2021 to what we're seeing now. So, I believe there's an upfront amount of \$5,000. But back in 2021 they received the \$25,000 and then they gave back the receipts. They didn't have to sort of be reimbursed. But what's happening now, I believe is they're getting \$5,000 but then they're having to spend all of the rest of the money up to the 20,000 and getting reimbursed. And not many people do have that amount of money to put forward in advance. So, that's one of the issues that we're hearing here.

MCBAIN: Happy to follow that up with the NSW Minister for Recovery. The Commonwealth provides that 50% input to NSW and NSW through the Rural Assistance Authority or Services NSW handles those direct payments into the community. The ones that Commonwealth provide direct to community are the \$1,000 disaster recovery payment and then that income support of the disaster recovery allowance for up to 13 weeks. Income support. But happy to follow that up with the NSW Minister for Recovery.

We know recovery is going to be a long term issue and for many of these people, they were still recovering from floods that happened a couple of years ago and had a number of heavy rain and flooding events earlier this year. So, that cumulative and compounding impact of disaster is really hard on communities. Over the course of the last couple of days, I've been meeting with mayors of Lismore and of the Cabonne Shire as well as mayors from across the country and disaster response and recovery is high on the list for councils as they're having their peak conference this week.

The cost to community are high, which is one of the reasons we initiated the review into Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements called the Colvin Review a couple of years ago and I'm charged with bringing that to a conclusion because it is clear that there is a lack of understanding around the categories that are there and a lack of understanding of who leads during a disaster. So, we want to make sure that it's really clear for communities. We want to make sure that there's an integrated approach by the three levels of government because at the end of the day, communities don't really care who's in charge, they just want people to answer their calls for assistance. So, I'm really keen to get on with that review to make sure that communities are well aware of what will happen and who takes the lead during a disaster.

SEAL: Great. Well, we'll certainly pass your comments on to the people that have spoken to us. Minister, we really appreciate your time and we'll see you again same time next week. Thank you.

ENDS

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