

## NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE

### RECOVERY GRANTS

#### For Primary Producers

**Purpose:** *To provide grants to primary producers who have suffered direct damage as a result of the **November-December 2010 floods in New South Wales**, for clean-up, removal of debris, disposal of dead livestock and further restoration.*

*This grant is not intended to replace the need for insurance, and is not intended to provide compensation for losses such as destroyed crops. All claims for assistance will be assessed on a case by case basis.*

#### **Assistance Available:**

*A grant of up to **\$15,000** per farm enterprise is available to all eligible primary producers for clean-up and immediate restoration costs as a result of the November-December 2010 floods in New South Wales.*

***PLEASE NOTE:*** *The following conditions apply **ONLY** to the Local Government Areas of: Coolamon, Corowa, Greater Hume, Gundagai, Narrandera, Tumbarumba, Tumut, Urana and Wagga Wagga who may be eligible to apply for **both** the October grant and the November - December grant:*

- ***October 2010*** flood grant will be limited to actual expenditure incurred, supported by tax invoice(s) dated between **17.10.2010** and before **26.11.2010**.

**AND**

- ***November - December 2010*** flood grant will be limited to actual expenditure incurred, supported by tax Invoice(s) dated after **26.11.2010**

### Who is Eligible?

*Eligible primary producers who have suffered direct damage and who:*

- *have a right or interest in the land used for the purpose of a farm enterprise,*
- *derive the majority of their individual gross income from the farm enterprise,*
- *are registered with the Australian Taxation Office as a primary producer, and have an Australian Business Number (ABN)*
- *have suffered direct damage as a result of November-December 2010 flooding in New South Wales. This may be damage to farm buildings, crops, pasture, stock, fencing and/or tools of trade (e.g. equipment/plant) and the essential cost of repair or replacement are the applicant's responsibility,*
- *were conducting a primary production business in a Disaster Declared Local Government Area prior to and including the date of the event,*
- *have established or are intending to re-establish the primary production enterprise.*

*Eligible primary producers can be individuals, partnerships, trusts or companies, operating commercially.*

## Who is NOT eligible?

*Farm enterprises which have not incurred clean-up, removal of debris or restoration costs but have suffered a loss of income e.g. from destroyed crops, as a result of the event.*

*Applicant's who do not derive more than 50% of the gross income from Primary production.*

*Farms located outside the Disaster Declared Local Government Area.*

## What Costs ARE Covered?

*Eligible costs include damage to:*

- *farm buildings*
- *crops and/or pastures*
- *livestock husbandry needs and/or removal of dead stock*
- *fodder purchases*
- *fencing*
- *equipment and/or plant*
- *infrastructure*

## What is Not Covered?

*\* Damage to dwellings. Owners may be able to claim other assistance for this (e.g. personal hardship and distress payments under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements by contacting Department of Community Services on 1800 018 444).*

*\* Loss of income from destroyed crops.*

*\* Damages covered by insurance.*

*\* Your own labour costs.*

## **TO ACCESS GRANT FUNDS:**

- *You must lodge your application with the Authority before **30.06.2011**.*
- *You will need to provide paid tax invoices/receipt or quote dated after 26.11.2010 for damages incurred.*

**NOTE: Payment of any assistance can only occur upon production of tax invoice or receipt for damages incurred which must be received by the Authority by 30.06.2011.**

- *Provide copy of latest Local Government rate notice for the affected farm property.*
- *Provide copies of your latest available Farm Business Tax Return and Financial Statement **PLUS** Personal tax returns for each individual associated with the Farm Business.*
- *Your primary production business must be located within a Disaster Declared Local Government Area (Contact the Authority for details of declared Local Government Areas)*

## **HOW DO I APPLY ?**

Application forms are available from the NSW Rural Assistance Authority by telephoning:

Toll Free 1800 678 593 or  
(02 ) 6391 3000

Or visit our web site

[www.raa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au)

Send completed application forms to:  
**NSW Rural Assistance Authority**  
**Locked Bag 23**  
**ORANGE NSW 2800**