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Natural Disaster assistance extended for small business

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Emergency Services Minister Steve Whan today announced the NSW and Commonwealth Governments have extended Natural Disaster Recovery Grant assistance to Small Businesses affected by October 2010 floods in the Riverina and South West Slopes.

Mr Whan said local businesses were now able to access the same additional assistance as that made available to primary producers in November last year.

“As we have the extent of the damage has been assessed from the October floods, it’s become clear many small business owners in the region were seriously impacted,” said Mr Whan.

“That’s why we are extending the one-off payment of up to \$15,000 to small business operators who have experienced severe damage from these floods.

“Essentially the recovery grants will assist the small business community in these areas with repairs, restoration and resumption of trading.”

“The Keneally Government and Commonwealth fund the grants on a 50/50 basis.

“This is a great example of how the State and Commonwealth are working together to ensure flood-affected communities get back on their feet.”

The Recovery grants will be provided to eligible applicants who have suffered direct flood damage and have proof of expenditure.

The natural disaster declaration for the October floods covers the local government areas of Albury, Bland, Carrathool, Conargo, Coolamon, Corowa, Greater Hume, Gundagai, Hay, Jerilderie, Junee, Leeton, Lockhart, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Tumbarumba, Tumut, Urana and Wagga Wagga.

Applications must be lodged with the NSW Rural Assistance Authority before 30 April 2011.

Small Business operators should contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority for details on 1800 678 593 or visit the web site: www.raa.nsw.gov.au

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