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## **LONG WEEKEND STORM DAMAGE ASSISTANCE FOR PRIMARY PRODUCERS AND RURAL BUSINESSES**

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, has reminded primary producers and rural business proprietors that natural disaster relief is available through the NSW Rural Assistance Authority.

In the long weekend storms and flooding there was extensive damage to rural properties in parts of the Wyong and Lake Macquarie local government areas. An example reported to Mr Piper's electorate office is where a farm dam collapsed, leaving a rural business badly affected.

Natural Disaster Relief Assistance can be in the form of grants, loans and counselling.

"Primary Producers and rural business proprietors in the electorate of Lake Macquarie who suffered loss and damage to uninsurable property, such as dams, during the June storms may be eligible for assistance under the New South Wales Rural Assistance Authority", Greg Piper, said today.

"Those who suffered loss should contact the Authority's toll-free number 1800 678 593, for advice on eligibility for assistance by way of disaster relief grants or low interest rate loans", he said.