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**Member for Lake Macquarie**



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## **DISASTER FUNDING STILL AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN NEED**

People may still be suffering unnecessary financial hardship from the June 8 storm, according to Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie. Residents of Lake Macquarie and the Lower Hunter are still facing financial difficulties such as meeting excess payments on insurance claims.

Mr Piper reminds residents that emergency funding may still be available for anyone suffering hardship.

"It's not too late to ask for help." Mr Piper said.

"State funding can help those in need, so don't miss out."

Financial assistance may be available for household contents and structural repairs where damaged homes have little or no insurance.

Anyone in need of financial assistance can apply through the Hunter Disaster Recovery Centre. This assistance is available by application and eligibility is based on an income and asset test. Financial assistance is provided to assist to return a home to a habitable state, not as compensation for losses.

Application forms are available at the Hunter Disaster Recovery Centre, 615 Hunter, St Newcastle West, or phone the DoCS Disaster Recovery Centre on 1800 997100