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### **NRMA Funding for Safety and Environment**

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, is encouraging local organisations to apply for funding through the 2009 NRMA Insurance Community Grants Programme.

The grants offer between \$500 and \$5,000 to groups undertaking projects in areas of crime prevention, road safety, emergency readiness and response and climate change, with applications open until Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

According to Mr Piper, the crime prevention grants aim to increase safety and security in local communities by reducing the opportunity for crime, while the road safety grants will support grants that aim to create a positive safety impact and which will most likely lead to behavioural changes.

Emergency readiness and response grants will aim to reduce incidents of damage to property and people during storms, fires or other hazardous situations and help prepare for disasters or emergencies. Environment grants will focus on climate change, renewable energy and carbon reduction.

“Groups working on any of these important issues can apply for a grant,” said Mr Piper. “I thank the NRMA for making this funding available.”