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Help us help you: Report flood damage today

The NSW Farmers' Association is appealing to all North Coast farmers to report flood damage to the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI), following the second flood in as many months.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie says prompt reporting of flood damage enables the NSW DPI to respond appropriately.

"We welcome the State Government's swift response to the second major flood in the North Coast region and we encourage producers to keep the authorities informed, so that they can gain an accurate insight into the extent of flood damage," Mr Laurie said.

"It is essential that the Government has a complete picture of the damage that has been done, and the only way this can occur is if affected producers report their damage to the NSW DPI," Mr Laurie said.

All farmers need to report damage, including horticulturalists, dairy and other livestock producers and oyster growers who have been particularly hard hit.

"The Association is currently working with the NSW DPI to assist flood affected farmers, however without information it is very difficult for the authorities to identify additional support measures for those affected by the floods," Mr Laurie said.

"It is imperative that those affected assess their damage and let the DPI know as soon as possible, so that appropriate action can be taken," Mr Laurie said.

The Association's call comes a week after the NSW Government announced Natural Disaster Declarations for the Coffs Harbour, Bellingen, Nambucca and Clarence Valley local government areas.

The Association is reminding all affected Members that under the Natural Disaster Declaration there are a number of assistance measures available - including low interest loans through the Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) and freight subsidies for the carriage of livestock and fodder from the DPI.

To report damage, primary producers should call the NSW DPI on 1800 814 647. To find out more about the assistance available, contact the RAA on 1800 678 593.

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