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Report flood damage to the DPI

North Coast farmers are being encouraged to continue to report flood damage to the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI), now that the waters are subsiding.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie says reporting damage enables the NSW DPI to get an accurate picture of the extent of the damage and respond appropriately.

"We certainly welcome the State Government's swift action to date on this matter and now we encourage producers to keep the authorities informed on the situation at hand by providing useful information," Mr Laurie said.

"The floods have caused significant damage for a number of producers, with oyster growers on the Kalang, Nambucca and Bellinger rivers being some of the hardest hit," Mr Laurie said.

"It's important that those affected by the flooding assess the damage and let the DPI know as soon as possible, so appropriate action can be taken," Mr Laurie said.

Producers can report damage by calling the NSW DPI on 1800 814 647.

Last week, the NSW Government announced Natural Disaster Declarations for the Bellinger, Coffs Harbour, Nambucca, Kempsey and Hastings Local Government areas.

The NSW Farmers' 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).

To find out more information from the RAA, primary producers should call 1800 678 593

"Freight subsidies for the carriage of livestock and fodder through the DPI are also available," Mr Laurie concluded.

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