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## Reminder on flood grants deadline: Macdonald

Minister for Primary Industries Ian Macdonald today reminded flood-affected North Coast primary producers and small businesses that the cut-off date for lodging applications for flood grants of up to \$15,000 is September 30 this year.

“There is almost two months to go for people to get their applications in – complete with receipts for the clean-up work that has been done,” Minister Macdonald said.

“To date around 800 applications have been lodged and payments of more than \$5.4 million have been received by 500 flood affected businesses.”

The Natural Disaster Relief Scheme grants are for primary producers and small businesses affected by the March/April and May 2009 North Coast floods.

Primary producers and small business operators who have suffered direct damage as a result of the March/April and/or May 2009 floods are eligible for grants of up to \$15,000.

The grant is for the clean-up and immediate restoration costs as a result of the storm and floods.

People need to keep receipts for work done. Payment of any assistance can only occur if a tax invoice or receipt for damages incurred is produced.

Farms and businesses must be in a Local Government Area that has been declared a natural disaster area for the following flood events to be eligible for the payment which include:

- Bellingen; Clarence Valley; Coffs Harbour; Kempsey and Nambucca for the March/April 2009 flood; and
- Armidale Dumaresq; Ballina; Bellingen; Byron; Clarence Valley; Coffs Harbour; Glen Innes Severn; Kempsey; Kyogle; Lismore; Nambucca; Port Macquarie-Hastings; Richmond Valley; Tweed and Tenterfield for the May 2009 floods.

The grants cover damage to buildings, crops and/or pastures, trading stock, purchase of fodder, livestock disposal, fencing, equipment and/or plant and infrastructure, including damage to property access and internal roads.

NOT covered is damage to dwellings, damages covered by insurance and cost of using your own labour, your existing staff or your own equipment.

To be eligible, applicants will need to show that 50% of their income is derived from primary production or small business – based on copies of their latest personal and business taxation returns.

To apply call 1800 678 593 or visit the website [www.raa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au)