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\$17.7 million for Coastal and Flood Projects

The NSW Government today announced \$17.7 million in funding to assist local councils carry out coastal, estuarine and flood risk management projects which will help them adapt to the increasing reality of climate change and sea level rise.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Carmel Tebbutt said 374 projects would be funded.

“These grants will help local councils plan and prepare for the future, and to carry out on-ground works to enhance our precious NSW coasts and estuaries. They will also help councils understand and manage the risks of flooding.

“Climate change and sea level rise will impact on our coasts, estuaries and the incidence and severity of floods,” Ms Tebbutt said.

“These grants will also help communities improve the quality of their coastal waterways and the infrastructure around them.

“More than 100 councils will share more than \$8 million to assist them to understand and manage the threats of flooding.

“For example, Brewarrina Shire Council will receive \$150,000 to enable them to continue their flood access works to ensure the community can safely evacuate should the need arise.

“Fairfield City Council will receive \$325,000 to continue its flood investigation and mitigation projects.”

These NSW Government grants to Councils are matched dollar for dollar by local Council in the coastal and estuary projects and the flood management projects are funded on a two for one basis with local government.

Details of the programs:

NSW Coastal Management Program - \$3.07 million for 31 projects

NSW Estuary Management Program - \$6.3 million for 56 projects

NSW Floodplain Management Program - \$8.33 million, 102 councils funded

“Protection of the NSW environment and preparing for the reality of climate change needs everyone to contribute, including all levels of government and the community,” Ms Tebbutt said.

“The NSW Government recognises the important role councils play in their local areas and is proud to support them through these NSW Government programs.”

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