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COUNCIL FLOOD MANAGEMENT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The NSW Government today called for applications for the 2013/2014 round of funding to assist local councils and other eligible agencies to carry out floodplain management projects, to assess risks and reduce impacts of flooding.

Environment Minister Robyn Parker said applications for grants will be made under the NSW Floodplain Management Program.

"In recent weeks we've seen how quickly floods can arise and the damage that they can cause," Ms Parker said.

"It is important for communities to be well prepared and the NSW Floodplain Management Program provides funds and expertise to assist local councils and their communities to be in the best shape possible to face flooding events."

Ms Parker said the NSW Government has already allocated around \$10 million this financial year for more than 100 projects across the state.

Applications were being called for now for the next financial year so that councils had plenty of time to plan their finances and projects.

"The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) is now accepting applications from councils for financial assistance under the Floodplain Management program for the 2013/2014 financial year," Ms Parker said.

"Applications close at 5 pm on 21 March 2013."

Assistance under the program is generally offered at \$2 from the NSW Government for every \$1 provided by the applicant.

Letters, including links to application forms and guidelines, have been sent to councils and other eligible agencies. Further information and application forms are also available on the OEH website at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/Floodgrants.htm>.

OEH will be conducting a series of workshops across NSW in February and March to help interested parties lodge applications for grants and build a framework for a successful project.

The workshops cover a variety of grant programs offered through the OEH, including the NSW Environmental Trust, the NSW Heritage Grants Program, the NSW Floodplain Management Program, the NSW Estuary Management Program and the NSW Coastal Management Program.

Workshop schedules:

Monday, 18 February	Newcastle		Tuesday, 5 March	Dubbo
Wednesday, 20 February	Sydney (CBD)		Wednesday, 6 March	Tamworth
Thursday, 21 February	Wollongong		Tuesday, 12 March	Ballina
Tuesday, 26 February	Wagga Wagga		Wednesday, 13 March	Port Macquarie
Thursday, 28 February	Queanbeyan		Thursday, 14 March	Coffs Harbour

Workshops are free but registration is required. Further details are available at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/workshop.htm> or by ringing 02 8837 6320.

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