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THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO BE TOLD NATURAL DISASTER DAMAGE SURVEY

Carrathool Shire was declared a natural disaster area on the 22 August 2022. This declaration allows for concessional loans and household assistance for eligible residents.

This declaration was upgraded to include a primary producer grant on the 4 November 2022. In order to give the government an indication of production losses and infrastructure damage across the Shire, farmers are asked to complete a short survey at:

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/emergencies/emergency/community/primary-industries-natural-disaster-damage-survey>

This survey is not used for individual assistance rather it will give the Government an overview of what damage this event has caused Shire wide.

At this stage only estimates are needed to complete the form. All farmers within the Shire who have been affected by flooding or recent rain events need to complete this survey.

Examples of losses include stock, fencing and downgraded quality of the forthcoming harvest.

I encourage all farmers in the Shire to complete the survey as the total loss for our Shire will be used to unlock grant funding for your business.

Whilst the survey is not an application for a grant, completion of the survey could benefit your business with initial grants of up to \$25,000.

With natural disasters occurring over much of NSW, we need to keep Carrathool Shire at the forefront of Government departments as they calculate any grant assistance.

The Government needs to be told how great your farming losses are and what affect this event will have on your business enterprise.

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