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DISASTER RELIEF AVAILABLE - DRAPER

Independent Member for Tamworth, Peter Draper, is urging residents of both Tamworth City and Parry Shire who have suffered damage from this weeks Peel and Cockburn River floods, to urgently investigate their options for assistance.

"The Government has announced that Disaster Relief is now available, and I strongly recommend that residents move quickly to find out exactly what help they are able to obtain," said Mr Draper today.

"The State Emergency Services and other relief organizations have done a tremendous job in assisting those most immediately affected, and I cannot praise them enough for their efforts."

"Now, as we begin to count the costs of the flood, it is vital that residents, landholders and business owners seek assistance where available to alleviate the difficulties they face getting their properties back in order."

"There are a variety of types of assistance available, depending on your circumstances, whether primary producer, small business, local organization, or a resident suffering personal hardship as a result of the flood."

"I urge anyone who believes they may be eligible for assistance to contact my office and we will provide you with the information you require," Mr Draper concluded.

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