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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Applications sought for funding under Natural Disaster Mitigation Program**

The Independent Federal Member for New England, Tony Windsor, has received advice from the Attorney General, the Hon Robert McClelland, MP, that applications for funding in 2008/09 under the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program are being sought from local councils and other eligible organisations.

Mr Windsor has been advised the Australian Government will offer \$18.6 million nationally under the program in 2008-09 for measures that contribute to safer, sustainable communities better able to withstand the effects of floods, storms, cyclones, bushfires and other natural disasters.

“To date, over \$56 million in Australian Government funding has been approved under the program. Eligible projects include natural disaster risk management studies, early warning systems, community awareness measures and structural works to protect against damage,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor advised the closing dates for applications is Friday, 29 August, 2008 and that further information about the Program, including eligibility criteria, can be found at:

[www.ema.gov.au/agd/ema/emainternet.nsf/Page/Communities\\_Natural\\_Disasters\\_NDMP\\_Natural\\_Disaster\\_Mitigation\\_Programme\\_\(NDMP\)](http://www.ema.gov.au/agd/ema/emainternet.nsf/Page/Communities_Natural_Disasters_NDMP_Natural_Disaster_Mitigation_Programme_(NDMP))