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SUPPORT FOR DISASTER AFFECTED BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS – EMPLOYMENT ISSUES FOR AFFECTED BUSINESSES

The current floods in NSW are causing widespread disruption across many industries, including Building and Construction. Members are advised that a range of government assistance is currently available for businesses and/or individuals who meet eligibility requirements.

- **The Disaster Assistance Finder**
Members can follow [this link](#) to the Disaster Assistance Finder. This will lead to an online questionnaire to receive a personalised list of available programs and services.
- **The Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment**
Members can follow [this link](#) to the Services Australia Natural Disaster payments page or alternatively call 180 22 66 to enquire about eligibility.
- **Business Support NSW**
Disaster recovery assistance is available to businesses in eligible NSW local government areas that have been impacted by storms and floods. Follow [this link](#).

Employment issues

The disruption caused by the floods and inclement weather is also giving rise to a range of employment issues. Inclement weather provisions in relation to the Award and/or enterprise agreements are a common query and Members are advised that they can access the MBA Inclement Weather Calendar at [this link](#).

Further to this, Members seriously impacted may need to consider a range of options including standing down employees without pay, alternative work arrangements, and /or redundancies.

Members with enquiries are encouraged to contact the Association's Industrial Department on 02 8586 3555.