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Terrorism



**The Hon Lisa Neville MP**

Acting Minister for Emergency Services  
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**\$3.4 MILLION TO SUPPORT FLOOD AFFECTED SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS AND GLENELG COMMUNITIES**

Minister for Justice Michael Keenan and Acting Victorian Minister for Emergency Services Lisa Neville today announced a Community Recovery Fund of up to \$3.4 million for the Southern Grampians and Glenelg Council areas, which were significantly impacted by the Victorian floods in September and October 2016.

Minister Keenan said the Community Recovery Fund is being provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

“Communities suffered extensive damage during widespread flooding in Victoria in September and October last year,” Mr Keenan said.

“After examining the impacts of the floods, the Commonwealth and Victorian State Government have worked closely to ensure the right assistance is provided to repair the most affected community facilities.”

Minister Neville said the \$3.4 million Community Recovery Fund is being provided in recognition of the significant impact on community facilities and assets in Southern Grampians and Glenelg Shires, particularly in the hardest hit communities of Coleraine and Casterton.

“The impact of the flood event has been significant in these communities, with more than 65 community facilities damaged,” Ms Neville said.

“Funding will be available to help cover the costs associated with the clean-up and restoration of flood damaged community facilities and assets, which play such a vital role in our rural and regional communities.”

As part of the Community Recovery Fund, Southern Grampians and Glenelg Shire Councils will also receive funding for dedicated recovery staff.

Information regarding disaster assistance available can be found on the Vic Emergency website at [www.emergency.vic.gov.au/relief](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au/relief) or the Australian Government’s Disaster Assist website at [www.disasterassist.gov.au](http://www.disasterassist.gov.au)

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