



# Media Release

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### **Disaster assistance for residents in Somerville and Tyabb**

Residents of Somerville and Tyabb who were victims of the storms and floods on January 7 will be eligible for Emergency Relief Assistance, jointly funded by the state and federal governments.

The Commonwealth-State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements will provide emergency grants to eligible people in Somerville and Tyabb who suffered personal hardship and distress as a result of the floods and storms.

Emergency Relief Assistance provides payments of up to \$520 per adult and \$260 per child (up to a maximum of \$1300 per household) to cover emergency food, shelter, clothing, and personal items.

Emergency Re-establishment Assistance provides assistance up to \$31,950 per household for clean-up, emergency accommodation, repairs, rebuilding (a principal place of residence), and replacing damaged contents.

The relief and recovery assistance provides an immediate injection of funds to help cover emergency accommodation needs and the cost of repairing homes and property.

This assistance will help people get back on their feet.

The Commonwealth and Victorian governments are committed to ensuring communities affected by natural disasters have the assistance they need to recover.

People can call the Victorian Emergency Recovery Information Line on 1300 799 232 to find out about the assistance that is available or visit the Australian Government's Disaster Assist website at [www.disasterassist.gov.au](http://www.disasterassist.gov.au)

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