



# Robyn Preston MP

## Member for Hawkesbury

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### **SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESSES TAKE PRIORITY FOR LOCAL FLOOD REPAIR WORK**

NSW Government agencies have been directed to first consider appointing a small or medium business for flood repair work on government owned sites, to support local economies as rebuilding and remediation work continues.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, said the initiative was an opportunity for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the Hawkesbury area to access new work with the NSW Government.

“The past 12 months have been challenging for many local businesses and the floods in March had a devastating effect on many residents and businesses in the Hawkesbury area,” Ms Preston said.

“This initiative will provide local businesses with local opportunities as repair and rebuild work continues in the Hawkesbury area.”

Deputy Premier and Minister responsible for disaster recovery John Barilaro said the initiative will help put money back in the hands of businesses and communities in flood-affected areas.

“Small and medium businesses are a significant contributor to local economies and they employ a large proportion of the workforce,” Mr Barilaro said.

“This decision to prioritise SMEs for the rebuild and remediation work is similar to an initiative we successfully introduced after the 2019/20 bushfires and will go a long way to putting cash back in local economies.”

The new directive from Minister for Finance and Small Business, Damien Tudehope MLC, is for procurements relating to NSW Government repair and remediation work arising out of the floods, and related goods and services.

“Local businesses know their communities best. We saw how communities banded together in the crisis, so it’s only right they be given the opportunity to win NSW Government contracts related to rebuild and repairs,” Mr Tudehope said.

Businesses can register for NSW Government work generally at [suppliers.buy.nsw.gov.au](https://suppliers.buy.nsw.gov.au) For information on support for people and businesses impacted by the storms and floods call 13 77 88 or go to [service.nsw.gov.au/floods](https://service.nsw.gov.au/floods)