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# Rural Support

Recent severe weather events have caused flooding and extensive damage to our rural sector. Our thoughts go to our rural communities, farmers and growers who have been affected by this adversity. With the recent Government classification of a medium scale event, the South Auckland and Waikato Primary Industry Cluster has been activated. Industry partners and agencies are working together to be able to offer extra wrap around support and help with clean-up. If you are not sure where to turn, please get in touch. Rural Support is a free service available to those working in the food and fibre sector.

## Financial support

### Tax Flexibility Options

To assist affected farmers and growers the IRD have a range of support in place for customers both businesses, individuals and families who have been affected by the recent adverse event. If the flooding is affecting your ability to apply with your tax obligations, you may be able to apply for discretionary relief or flexibility through the Income Equalisation Scheme. Speak to your accountant or contact the IRD via myIR (keyword: FLOOD) or call their disaster line 0800 473 566

### Rural Women New Zealand – Adverse Events Relief Fund

This fund provides financial assistance where there is an identified urgent need due to a classified adverse event such as a drought, fire, flood or earthquake. It is available to individuals, communities and groups, with a particular emphasis on rural women and children:

[www.ruralwomennz.nz/grants](http://www.ruralwomennz.nz/grants)

### Farm Business Advice Fund

Qualifying farmers and growers who are under financial hardship can receive up to \$6000 exc GST to seek independent financial or business advice. The Farm Business Advice Fund is managed by Rural Support Trusts. Banks are jointly funding this initiative and approval from your bank is required prior to starting this process. For more information, give us a call or head to our website: [www.rural-support.org.nz/Help-Support/Financial-Pressure](http://www.rural-support.org.nz/Help-Support/Financial-Pressure)

### Mayoral Relief Funds

Applications to the Auckland Council Emergency Relief Fund are open and can be made online. You can call Auckland Council on 09 301 0101 during business hours for assistance to complete application forms.

<https://aucklandcouncil.smartygrants.com.au/ACERF>

To see if there is a Mayoral Relief Fund set up in your district, check with your local council.

### Civil Defence Payments

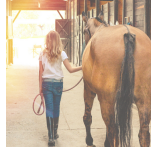
If you and your family are affected by an emergency event, you may be able to get a Civil Defence Payment. You do not have to be on a benefit to qualify for a Civil Defence payment. Non-residents may be eligible for this payment.

- If you had to leave your home (e.g. you've been evacuated or you're on stand-by)
- you were away from your home at the time of the emergency and can't return
- you need help with food, bedding or clothing
- you can't go to work.

To find out more about CD payments or other financial assistance call MSD on call us on 0800 400 100 or head to their website [www.workandincome.govt.nz](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz)

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## Clean-up support

The Waikato Hauraki Coromandel Rural Support Trust (RST) is coordinating recovery and clean-up support across the region including Enhanced Task Force Green. You can get in touch with us if you need help. This could include practical assistance in helping clear fences/yards, erect temporary fencing and remove silt.

Whether you wish to help out or to find out what clean-up support is available, get in touch with the Waikato Rural Support: 0800 787 254 opt 1, option 2.

**Be safe. When checking stock, crops, driving or assessing damage, where possible avoid flooded areas and do not do anything that will put your safety at risk.**

## Animal welfare

### Veterinary services

If your animals need veterinary treatment, contact your own veterinary clinic or find one nearby via the New Zealand Veterinary Association website:

[www.nzva.org.nz](http://www.nzva.org.nz)

### Animal welfare concerns

Animal welfare concerns can be logged with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) on **0800 008 333**.

### Livestock movements

Timeframes for updating NAIT have been extended as a result of flooding in the Auckland region. Further information can be found on the [Qspri website](#).



[www.rural-support.org.nz](http://www.rural-support.org.nz)



## Wellbeing & business support

Our Rural Support team are available 7 days a week. If you are not sure where to turn, or want to have a chat in confidence, give us a call (0800 RuralHelp).

Support can be over the phone, or at a place and time that suits.

We can provide 1-to-1 support to help you map challenges and develop plans, link you with rural professionals and other support and services available.

**Watch out for notices on our website and the Waikato Hauraki Coromandel social media pages for updates and community events.**

## Industry support

Apiculture NZ: 04 471 6254

Beef+Lamb New Zealand: 0800 233 352

Dairy Goat Co-Op: 07 839 2919

Dairy NZ: 0800 4 324 7969

Dairy Women's Network: 0800 396 748

Deer NZ: 04 473 4500

Federated Farmers: 0800 327 646

HortNZ: 0508 467 869

Rural Support Trust: 0800 787 254

Poultry Industry Association: 09 520 4300

Pork NZ: 0800 697 675

Rural Women NZ: 04 473 5524

IRD: 0800 227 774

Work and Income: 0800 559 009

Waikato Regional Council : 0800 800 401

