

Media Release

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VICTORIAN WORKERS GO NORTH TO HELP QLD FLOOD RECOVERY

Close to 120 Victorian recovery workers will head to Queensland over the next five weeks to answer a call from parts of the country ravaged by once-in-a-century floods which forced thousands from their homes.

As the massive cleanup begins, Victoria is sending experienced and skilled relief and recovery personnel to help with field work, outreach and relief hub work – directly supporting residents and assessing their needs.

Today 28 Department of Health and Human Services personnel will leave Victoria, the first of four seven-day rotations planned with workers sent to Townsville and other locations across Queensland.

In Townsville thousands of homes were inundated by floodwater, with many more substantially damaged. Fourteen local government areas have been identified as needing help.

An estimated half a million livestock have been lost as well as countless wildlife, with the impacts of the floods expected to be felt for months to come.

This interstate deployment of recovery personnel is the second for Victoria in Queensland.

For recovery information for the Queensland Cyclone and Floods, visit qld.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers Luke Donnellan

“We are pleased to support our interstate family – it’s fantastic to see everyone working together through arrangements developed for just such events.”

“The Department of Health and Human Services has a well-trained and skilled workforce with direct experience in working with affected communities, through immediate relief needs and long-term recovery work.”

“We are glad to be able to offer this assistance at a time when so many people have been devastated by damage to homes and livestock.”

Quotes attributable to Minister for Police and Emergency Services Lisa Neville

“The floods have had a devastating impact on Queensland communities and we’re proud to be able to lend a hand during their time in need.”

“Victoria has a strong partnership with our interstate colleagues – that’s why we’re sharing our hard working and dedicated personnel and resources when they’re needed.”