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NSW Government delivers more than \$80,000 in extra funding to support Holbrook homeowners

The NSW Government will deliver \$88,000 from its Community Assistance Package for 15 applications from Holbrook homeowners affected by loose-fill asbestos insulation.

Member for Albury Greg Aplin said Holbrook has been hard hit by loose-fill asbestos with 38 homes testing positive across the Greater Hume Shire.

“I visited Holbrook homeowners last year with Better Regulation Minister Matt Kean and in recognition of the unique position residents were in, additional financial support was approved,” Mr Aplin said.

“The loose-fill asbestos program provides certainty, safety and support to NSW communities. Just last week we saw the first home being rebuilt on a remediated block of land.

“We are removing this dangerous product from the community, and doing everything we can to ensure people are not financially disadvantaged.”

Mr Aplin said all applications for assistance were approved in full as part of this first round of funding.

“The funds will be used to assist residents with reconnection fees and, storage costs as well as travel subsidies for builders and other trades who charge travel costs to get to Holbrook,” Mr Aplin said.

Mr Kean said today’s announcement is in addition to an extra \$4,000 per household for all NSW residents currently taking part in the \$278 million state-wide program – to buy new furniture for their homes.

“This is on top of the \$1,000 residents could previously access to replace soft furnishings in their homes,” Mr Kean said.

“The Government is so pleased we could provide this additional financial support to affected residents in Holbrook to help ease this burden, and best ensure their health and safety.”

Greater Hume Shire Council is also contributing funding to the Community Assistance Package. The package still has an additional \$140,000 available should further residents apply for assistance.

The Loose-fill Asbestos Implementation Taskforce has completed 61,000 tests across NSW, with 1,609 tests undertaken in Greater Hume Shire.

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