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INVESTMENT TO FUTURE-PROOF LOCAL SES UNITS

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin has welcomed the NSW Government's decision to invest in nearly 500 new vehicles, marine vessels and trailers for local SES units to better support local communities in times of floods, storms and other emergencies.

The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government will deliver \$54.6 million over four years for the NSW State Emergency Service's (NSW SES) fleet program.

"Across the state our volunteers in orange answer the call for assistance at a moment's notice and we want to ensure they have top notch resources at the ready," Mr Aplin said.

"Our tireless NSW SES volunteers deserve vehicles and equipment that ensures their lifesaving tasks are performed safely with maximum efficiency and in minimum time."

Mr Aplin said while the state-wide fleet renewal program will be rolled out across four years, in the Albury electorate we will see the benefits in the first financial year with Culcairn and Holbrook SES units each receiving a new general purpose/logistics vehicle.

Minister for Emergency Services, Troy Grant said that the community can feel confident their NSW SES volunteers will remain well-equipped.

"The work of SES volunteers is vital and as a Government we will continue to back them with the tools they need for their important work," Mr Grant said.

From 2012-2017 the NSW Government invested \$46 million for the procurement, maintenance and control of the 637 strong SES operational vehicle fleet.

This Operational Fleet Replacement Program will continue to replace SES vehicles and also fund the purchase of equipment inventory, marine vessels and trailers.

The funding will enable the provision of 269 vehicles, 124 marine vessels, and 95 trailers. In 2018-19, 77 vehicles, 37 marine vessels and 30 trailers will be delivered.

The NSW SES last year responded to over 32,000 requests for assistance and performed over 750 flood rescues across the state.

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