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WASTE LEVY FEE WAIVED FOR 34 STORM AFFECTED AREAS

Residents and businesses in 34 storm-affected areas will be exempt from paying the NSW Government's waste levy fee until 30 June to help ease some of the pressure on affected communities and assist people getting their homes and businesses cleaned up, Environment Minister Mark Speakman announced today.

The waste levy waiver strictly applies to storm damaged goods and waste.

"We understand this waste was created from a natural event and was beyond the control of affected residents and businesses. We hope this eases some of the pressure people are feeling after this devastating storm," Mr Speakman said.

"Waiving the government fee will help people dispose water damaged bulk goods such as carpets and furniture as well as other flood and storm generated waste quickly and responsibly."

Private operator and council waste facility gate fees might still apply. People also need to check with their council or Sydney metropolitan area waste facility on their requirements to dispose storm damaged waste. Waste facilities need to ensure the waste is storm generated before they can waive the government's waste levy. Some councils will require people to pre-register or fill out a declaration form before they accept waste.

The Sydney metropolitan levy free facilities are:

- Kimbriki Resource Recovery Centre – Kimbriki Road, Terrey Hills
- Elizabeth Drive Landfill Facility – Elizabeth Drive, Kemps Creek
- Lucas Heights Resource Recovery Park – New Illawarra Road, Lucas Heights and
- Eastern Creek Waste Management Centre – Wallgrove Road, Eastern Creek.

Council areas exempt from the levy are:

- Blacktown
- Byron
- Camden
- Campbelltown
- Canterbury-Bankstown
- Central Coast
- City of Sydney
- Coffs Harbour
- Fairfield
- Hornsby
- Inner West

- Kiama
- Ku-ring-gai
- Lane Cove
- Lismore
- Liverpool
- Maitland
- Northern beaches
- Parramatta
- Penrith
- Port Macquarie-Hastings
- Randwick
- Ryde
- Shellharbour
- Shoalhaven
- Sutherland
- The Hills
- Tweed
- Waverley
- Willoughby
- Wingecarribee
- Wollondilly
- Wollongong
- Woollahra