



**The Hon. Paul Toole MP**  
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Dear Councillor

Congratulations on your recent re-election as Mayor of Port Macquarie-Hastings Council. This is a significant achievement, and I welcome your election as a regional leader.

As Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW I am responsible for the NSW Government's commitment to the success of Regional NSW and its people. I also served as Mayor of Bathurst in the past so I understand the unique challenges of leading a regional Council.

I acknowledge how challenging the recent unprecedented storms and floods have been in your region and I admire the resilience of your community. The NSW Government is putting equally unprecedented funding into the significant clean-up and long-term recovery effort and I want to ensure your council has all the resources it needs.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to my office or the Department of Regional NSW if there's anything we can do to help your community. We share a common goal and have regional communities at the heart of everything we do.

The NSW Government established the Department of Regional NSW in 2020 to focus solely on the issues faced by rural and regional communities. The department is responsible for building stronger primary industries, driving regional investment, boosting economic development, delivering regional infrastructure programs and supporting our border communities.

In 2022 we will be pursuing major projects right across NSW and will rely on regional leaders to guide this investment. As such, I have asked Gary Barnes, Secretary, Department of Regional NSW, to reach out to you to discuss the needs of your community in detail.

I look forward to working with you and the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council to deliver for your region and its people.

Sincerely

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