## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## CENTRAL WEST CARAVAN ROLLOUT RAMPING UP

More than 100 caravans providing medium-term accommodation for hundreds of residents in the Central West flood zone continue to roll out across the region, including residents of Eugowra and Forbes.

Minister for Flood Recovery Steph Cooke said 97 caravans have already been delivered to Cabonne Shire residents, with six more on the way, while a further four are headed for the Forbes Shire.

"It's important for people to remain as close as possible to their home and community while they undertake the challenging recovery process," Ms Cooke said.

"Our at-home caravan program allows residents whose homes were destroyed or badly damaged by floodwaters to live on their own properties instead of being accommodated in motels an hour's drive away in Orange.

"We know from past experience in the Northern Rivers region that when the floodwaters recede, adequate accommodation becomes one of the biggest challenges. This is why we have rolled out the at-home caravan program to Central West communities as quickly as possible."

Caravans are available at no cost to flood-affected residents in the Cabonne and Forbes Shires through a partnership between the NSW Liberal National Government and accommodation company <a href="Camplify.">Camplify.</a>

Camplify CEO Justin Hales said caravans offer a reliable home, allowing residents to recover within the familiarity of their own property.

"By repurposing our caravan supply, we can give people a safe space to stay on their properties while they navigate the momentous task of repairing and rebuilding," Mr Hales said.

Flood-affected residents can visit a local <u>Recovery Assistance Point</u> and receive face-to-face assistance from NSW Reconstruction Authority staff with the at-home caravan program application process, which includes a site suitability assessment.

For more information, visit: www.nsw.gov.au/floods/recovery/temporary-housing.

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