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### **JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT**

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#### **COVID-19 Disaster Payments for NSW statewide hotspot**

The Liberals and Nationals Government will support eligible people impacted by the New South Wales statewide hotspot announced yesterday through the COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

To date, Services Australia has granted over 2.1 million COVID-19 Disaster Payment claims nationally with a value exceeding \$2.4 billion.

Eligible people will receive \$750 per week if they have lost 20 or more hours of work, and \$450 per week if they have lost between 8 and less than 20 hours of work, or a full day of work.

People who currently receive an income support payment can also receive an extra payment of \$200 if they have lost at least eight hours of work and meet the other eligibility requirements for the COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

The Liberals and Nationals Government is also pausing all Centrelink debt raising and new debt recovery in locked down Local Government Areas.

Many NSW residents are already in receipt of COVID-19 Disaster Payments. People already receiving them do not need to do anything as the payments are recurring. People impacted by this most recent lockdown can claim from next Sunday 22 August, with claims back paid to the start of this lockdown. Anyone who has already lost work as a result of COVID-19 restrictions can claim anytime.

The simplest and fastest way to claim is online through myGov. People can prepare to claim by creating a myGov account if they don't already have one.

More information about the COVID-19 Disaster Payment is available at:  
[servicesaustralia.gov.au/covid19disasterpayment](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/covid19disasterpayment)

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