



# **The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP**

## **Premier of NSW**

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#### **NSW GOVT DONATES \$1 MILLION TO JAPAN DISASTER RELIEF APPEAL**

In line with consultation during the caretaker period, NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell today announced the NSW Government would donate \$1 million to Japan's Disaster Relief Appeal following this month's devastating earthquake and tsunami.

"Anyone who saw the shocking pictures out of Japan could not feel anything but sorrow and despair for its people," Mr O'Farrell said.

"We cannot forget Japan will take years to rebuild and recover from this disaster, but she has a firm friend in the NSW Government," he said.

"We will stand shoulder to shoulder with Japan and remain ready to assist in any way possible with the recovery.

"I acknowledge the support for Japan already provided by former Premier Keneally, including an Urban Search and Rescue Team of 76 personnel from Fire & Rescue NSW, NSW Health, Ambulance Service of NSW, NSW Public Works and NSW Police Force.

"NSW also sent approximately 20 tonnes of essential rescue and medical equipment.

"The team was deployed to Minamisanriku one of the hardest hit areas located 453km North East of Tokyo," Mr O'Farrell said.

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