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B.C. SUPPORTS DELTA FLOOD VICTIMS

VICTORIA – As the local state of emergency continues in flooded parts of Delta, B.C. is stepping forward with the promise of financial aid to affected homeowners, Solicitor General John Les announced today.

“British Columbians always pull together in an emergency. The Province shares that spirit and is doing what it can to ease the situation,” Les said. “We have designated the affected area as eligible for disaster financial assistance, which means homeowners can apply to be compensated for damage and property loss not covered by their regular insurance.”

An unusually high tide combined with higher than 80 km-an-hour winds on Saturday to damage dykes in South Delta. Some 200 homes were damaged in the subsequent flooding.

The disaster financial assistance program helps eligible homeowners, residential tenants, farms, small businesses and charitable organizations when property is damaged by uninsurable disasters, such as certain kinds of floods and mudslides. The program covers up to 80 per cent of an accepted claim over \$1,000, to a maximum of \$300,000.

Les, who toured the site this morning, also said that under the program, Delta is eligible for funding to help with clean-up costs and to repair dykes damaged by the surging waters.

In 2005, B.C. raised the disaster funding assistance limit for homeowners from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

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