

MEDIA RELEASE

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UNREQUESTED DONATIONS ARE HAMPERING RECOVERY EFFORTS ACROSS NEW SOUTH WALES

Online donation platform [GIVIT](https://givit.org.au) is calling on well-meaning Australians to stop sending unrequested donations into flood impacted regions.

GIVIT works directly with councils, recovery outreach teams, charities and community groups in the flood impacted regions that are becoming overwhelmed by donations of goods they are not able to manage or store.

GIVIT National Manager Jo Beadle said GIVIT is working with the New South Wales Government to manage donations that would overwhelm frontline services and distract them from their primary roles in response and recovery.

“This afternoon, we are receiving desperate messages from our partner organisations in flood impacted regions who are telling us that they are being swamped with donations they do not need,” said Ms Beadle.

“There are convoys of trucks and vehicles full of unrequested goods coming from all parts of the country into these impacted regions. This is dangerous and is seriously hindering rescue and recovery efforts.”

“Our message is very clear, if you want to help, please go to the [Storms and Flooding Appeal](https://givit.org.au/storms-and-flooding) on [GIVIT.org.au](https://givit.org.au) to find out exactly what’s needed.”

100% of publicly donated funds received by GIVIT will be used to purchase essential items. Where possible, GIVIT uses donated funds to purchase items from local providers to support the economic recovery of impacted regions.

Visit www.givit.org.au/storms-and-flooding to find out what’s needed in your local area.

If you have an item to donate that is not listed, please register the item on www.givit.org.au/donate-items.

If you are a local charity or frontline service in need of donated goods and services, please register at givit.org.au/charity-registration.

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About GIVIT

GIVIT is the smart way to give. Through [GIVIT.org.au](https://givit.org.au), we channel generosity where it is needed to support vulnerable people and communities in Australia.

Working with more than 4,300 support organisations, we ensure people get what they need when they need it most – whether recovering from an emergency event, or experiencing hardship due to circumstances such as drought, domestic and family violence, homelessness, disability, and mental health.

GIVIT captures offers of goods and services online, removing the need for charities and services to sort, store and dispose of unrequested donations, saving valuable resources. 100% of publicly donated money received by GIVIT to support people in need are used to purchase essential items and services. We buy locally,

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wherever possible, to support local businesses and the economic recovery of affected communities. GIVIT's operational costs are covered by government contracts and corporate partners.