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\$480,000 CLEAN UP OF MYALL CREEK GETS UNDERWAY

Minister for Primary Industry, Lands and Water Niall Blair announced the NSW Government will spend \$480,000 to clean up Myall Creek at Dungog.

The works will commence next week with the removal of cars, drums and asbestos washed into the creek during April's devastating storms.

"Myall Creek was contaminated by a significant amount of debris as a result of the super storm less than two months ago – that's why it's so important we do our bit to clean it up," Mr Blair said.

The debris includes at least six vehicles and numerous drums containing hazardous material as well as large amounts of general domestic waste.

The hazardous material is close to Dungog township and its removal is required to reduce the risk of public exposure and remove the risk of fuel or chemical spill into Myall Creek.

The Department of Primary Industries Soil Conservation Service is undertaking the works, which are expected to take until October to remove all material from Myall Creek.

The NSW Government is funding the clean-up with the Department of Primary Industries taking the lead coordinating role in partnership with the Environment Protection Authority and Dungog Council.

"The NSW Government is doing all it can to assist the community at this stressful time and earlier this week announced \$15,000 recovery grants for farmers across the Hunter and Central Coast affected by the storms," Mr Blair said.

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