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**Statement\_RE: Request for comment: ARC exclusion from NDD**

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If they don't report that as its written or they try to undermine it, I think that will be strong grounds for us to go back to them and let them know that we will not be taking there call (or emails) any longer.

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Thanks for your enquiry

Following is our response to your question:

**Statement from Armidale Regional Council**

The application was lodged yesterday, and Council is expecting a joint media release from the NSW and Federal Government regarding the declaration in coming days.

Armidale Regional Council was always confident it was eligible to receive a National Disaster Declaration after the significant snow event. The delayed announcement that included ARC was a timing issue.

Our region had a significant amount of damage across a large network. This needed to be properly assessed. ARC was not going to short-cut the process and risk making an incomplete application that would result in insufficient funding.

Regards



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Hello,

The Ministers office have advised that the reason Armidale was not included in last Friday's National Disaster Declaration is that ARC has not yet submitted the required application.

Can you please provide an estimate of when you expect to submit the necessary documentation, and any further comment, **by 3pm today 12 August.**

Note: story will run this evening with or without a response from Council.

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