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Second SES deployment leaves for NSW tomorrow

A second team of South Australian State Emergency Service (SASES) volunteers will leave Adelaide for New South Wales tomorrow afternoon to bolster the state's recovery operations following the recent storms and flash flooding.

Tomorrow's deployment, comprising 20 SASES volunteers and two staff, will fly out from Adelaide Airport for Sydney at 12.25pm on Qantas flight QF 752. They will return to Adelaide next Monday.

NSW SES has received more than 21,000 requests for assistance from the public since last Monday with around 2000 still outstanding.

SASES Chief Officer Chris Beattie said the second deployment would comprise volunteers from metropolitan Adelaide SES units, Whyalla and Mount Gambier.

"Like the first deployment we sent earlier this week, we expect they will also be deployed to a number of impacted locations in and around the Hunter Valley, Port Stephens and Newcastle itself," Mr Beattie said.

The first SASES deployment of 40 volunteers and two staff will return to Adelaide this Saturday at 2.15pm on Qantas flight 751.

"From all reports our volunteers have acquitted themselves very well," Mr Beattie said.

SASES will continue liaising with NSW SES to determine whether further assistance is required next week.

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