



Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements event Eastern Queensland Bushfires, 8 – 18 November 2019



The Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) is a jointly funded program between the Australian Government and state and territory (state) governments, through which the Australian Government provides financial assistance to support state governments with disaster recovery costs.

In response to the bushfires, assistance has been activated for the area formally defined as: *“Communities located in eastern Queensland affected by bushfires, 8 - 18 November 2019”*

DRFA assistance measures (as activated by the Queensland Government)

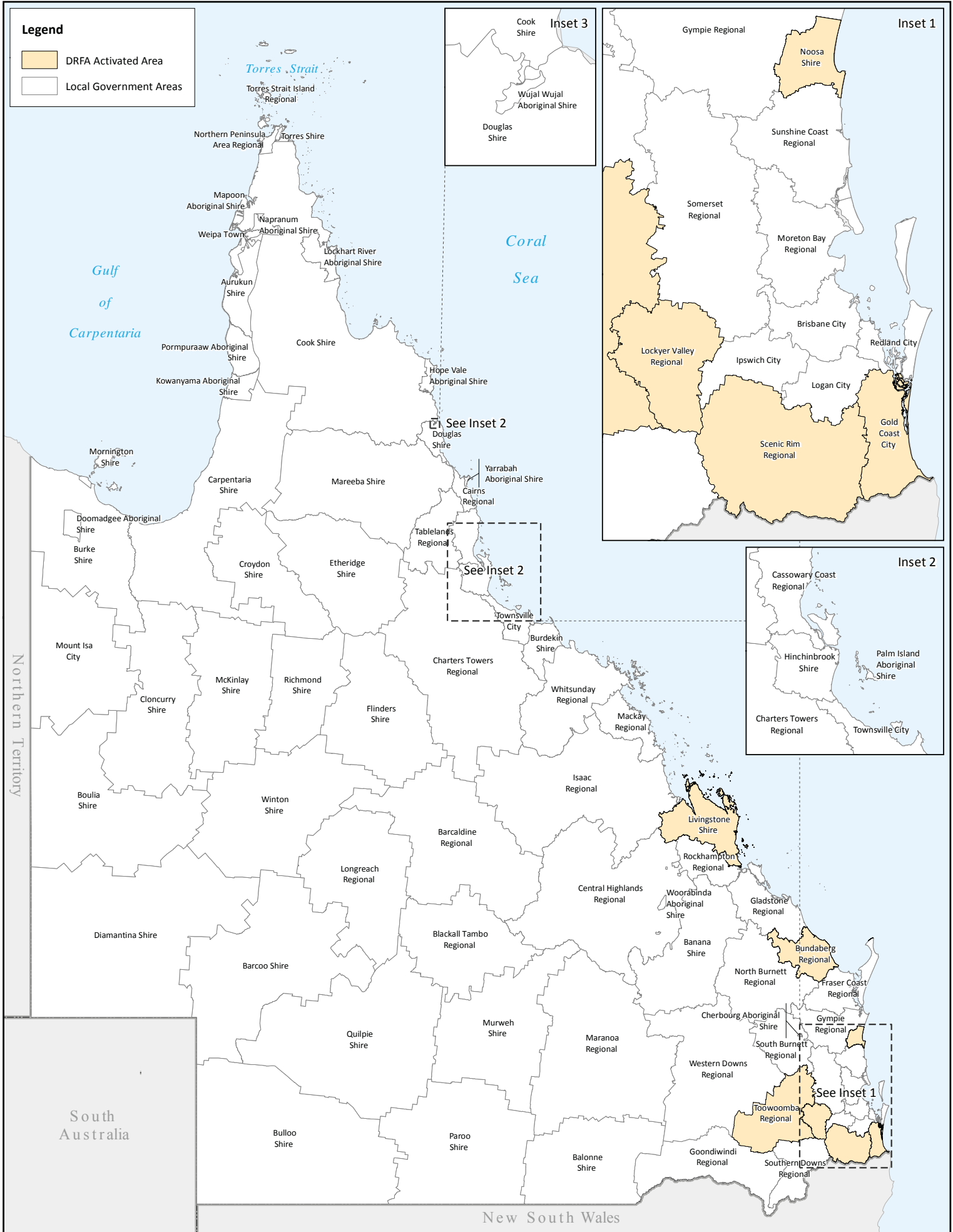
- Counter Disaster Operations
- Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme
- Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme
- Disaster Assistance (Primary Producers) Loans
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for primary producers
- Freight Subsidies for Primary Producers



Local Government Area	Counter Disaster Operations	Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme	Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme	Disaster Assistance (Primary Producers) Loans	Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans for primary producers	Freight Subsidies for primary producers
Bundaberg Regional Council	✓ Activated 15/11/19	✓ ³ Activated 15/11/19	✓ ³ Activated 15/11/19			
City of Gold Coast	✓ Activated 15/11/19					
Livingstone Shire Council	✓ Activated 11/11/19	✓ ¹ Activated 11/11/19	✓ ¹ Activated 11/11/19	✓ Activated 17/11/19	✓ Activated 17/11/19	✓ Activated 17/11/19
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	✓ Activated 15/11/19					
Noosa Shire Council	✓ Activated 11/11/19	✓ ² Activated 11/11/19	✓ ² Activated 11/11/19			
Scenic Rim Regional Council	✓ Activated 13/11/19	✓ ⁴ Activated 17/11/19	✓ ⁴ Activated 17/11/19			
Toowoomba Regional Council	✓ Activated 15/11/19					

1. The Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme (PHAS) and Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme (ESSRS) for **Livingstone Shire** is limited to specified areas – refer to www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies/queensland-disasters. The Emergency Hardship Assistance component of the PHAS commences on 11 November 2019.
2. The PHAS and ESSRS for **Noosa Shire** is limited to specified areas – refer to www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies/queensland-disasters. The Emergency Hardship Assistance component of the PHAS commences on 11 November 2019.
3. The PHAS and ESSRS for **Bundaberg** is limited to specified areas – refer to www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies/queensland-disasters. The Emergency Hardship Assistance component of the PHAS commences on 15 November 2019.
4. The PHAS and ESSRS for **Scenic Rim** is limited to specified areas – refer to www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies/queensland-disasters. The Emergency Hardship Assistance component of the PHAS commences on 17 November 2019.

Further information:
Ph: 1800 110 841





DRFA ASSISTANCE MEASURE ACTIVATED

Assistance for individuals:

Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme

To alleviate personal hardship and distress.

- Emergency Hardship Assistance Grant – provides assistance as a contribution to support people directly impacted by an eligible disaster to meet their immediate essential needs for food, clothing, medical supplies or temporary accommodation.
- Essential Services Hardship Assistance – provides assistance for people directly impacted by an eligible disaster to meet their immediate needs where they have experienced the loss of one or more essential services for more than five days.
- Essential Household Contents Grant – provides a contribution towards replacing or repairing essential household contents, such as beds, linen and whitegoods that have been lost or damaged by an eligible disaster.
- Structural Assistance Grant – provides a contribution towards repairs or replacement of a dwelling damaged by an eligible disaster, to return it to a safe, habitable and secure condition.

Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme

To assist residents with the inspection and reconnection of essential services that have been damaged by an eligible disaster. The scheme provides financial assistance to individuals and families as a contribution towards safety inspections of and repairs to residential essential services (i.e. electricity, gas, water and sewerage) damaged by an eligible disaster.

Contact Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors on 1800 173 349 or www.communities.qld.gov.au

Assistance for state and local governments:

Counter Disaster Operations

To assist local governments and state agencies to undertake activities that alleviate personal hardship and distress, address the immediate needs of individuals and protect the general public, immediately prior to, during or immediately after an eligible disaster.

Contact Queensland Reconstruction Authority on 1800 110 841 or www.qra.qld.gov.au



Assistance for primary producers:

Disaster Assistance (Primary Producers) Loans

Concessional interest rate loans to assist primary producers whose assets have been significantly damaged by an eligible disaster, to recover and return to viable operations

Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Primary Producers

Concessional interest rate loans to primary producers who have suffered a significant loss of income as a result of an eligible disaster by providing the essential working capital required to continue business operations.

Contact Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority on 1800 623 946 or www.qrida.qld.gov.au

Freight Subsidies for Primary Producers

To assist primary producers impacted by an eligible disaster with the transport of livestock, fodder or water for livestock, building, fencing equipment or machinery to the primary producer's home property.

Contact Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on 132 523 or www.daf.qld.gov.au