



Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements event Eastern Queensland Bushfires, 7 October – 19 December 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, 7 October – 19 December 2019”*

DRFA assistance measures (as activated by the Queensland Government)

- Counter Disaster Operations
- Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme
- Extraordinary Bushfire Assistance (Small Business) Loans
- Extraordinary Bushfire Assistance (Primary Producers) Loans
- Freight Subsidies for Primary Producers
- Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme
- Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets

DRFA assistance measures (jointly activated by the Queensland and Australian Governments)

- Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for Primary Producers

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DRFA assistance measures activated

Local Government Area	Counter Disaster Operations	Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme	Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme	Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets	Extraordinary Bushfire Assistance (Small Business) Loans *	Extraordinary Bushfire Assistance (Primary Producers) Loans *	Freight Subsidies for primary producers	Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for Primary Producers
Bundaberg Regional Council	✓ Activated 15/11/19	✓ ³ Activated 15/11/19	✓ ³ Activated 15/11/19		✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 21/02/20
City of Gold Coast	✓ Activated 15/11/19							
Gladstone Regional Council	✓ Activated 19/12/19	✓ ⁷ Activated 19/12/19	✓ ⁷ Activated 19/12/19		✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 21/02/20
Gympie Regional Council	✓ Activated 09/12/19					✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 21/02/20
Ipswich City Council	✓ Activated 19/12/19					✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 21/02/20
Livingstone Shire Council	✓ Activated 11/11/19	✓ ¹ Activated 11/11/19	✓ ¹ Activated 11/11/19		✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 17/11/19	✓ Activated 17/11/19	✓ ⁸ Activated 10/01/20
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	✓ Activated 15/11/19					✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 21/02/20
Noosa Shire Council	✓ Activated 11/11/19	✓ ² Activated 11/11/19	✓ ² Activated 11/11/19		✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 21/02/20
Scenic Rim Regional Council	✓ Activated 13/11/19	✓ ⁴ Activated 17/11/19	✓ ⁴ Activated 17/11/19	✓ Activated 20/11/19		✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 21/02/20
Somerset Regional Council	✓ Activated 20/11/19	✓ ⁵ Activated 20/11/19	✓ ⁵ Activated 20/11/19		✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 21/02/20
Southern Downs Regional Council	✓ Activated 18/11/19			✓ Activated 20/11/19		✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 21/02/20
Toowoomba Regional Council	✓ Activated 15/11/19	✓ ⁶ Activated 09/12/19	✓ ⁶ Activated 09/12/19		✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 31/01/20	✓ Activated 21/02/20

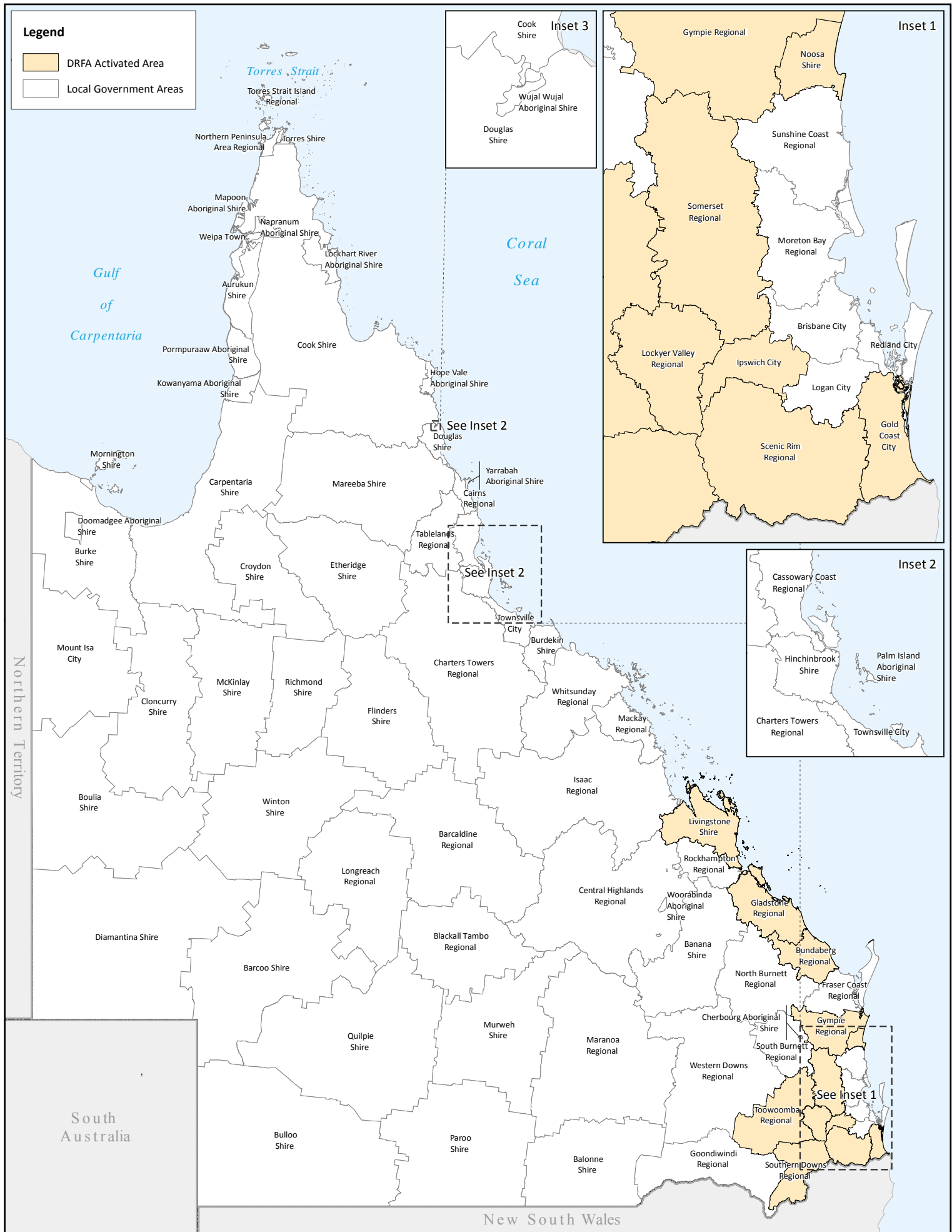


1. The Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme (PHAS) and Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme (ESSRS) for **Livingstone Shire** is limited to specified areas – refer to www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies/queensland-disasters. The Emergency Hardship Assistance component of the PHAS 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.
5. The PHAS and ESSRS for **Somerset** 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 20 November 2019.
6. The PHAS and ESSRS for **Toowoomba** 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 10 December 2019.
7. The PHAS and ESSRS for **Gladstone** 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 20 December 2019.
8. The Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for Primary Producers for **Livingstone Shire** is limited to the area east of the Bruce Highway.

* Category B concessional loans up to \$500,000 for small businesses and primary producers for replacement of assets destroyed by bushfires or for essential working capital.

Exceptional Category C and D assistance measures

DRFA Category	Package Type	Assistance Measure
C	Community Recovery Package	Mental Health and Wellbeing
		Community Development Fund
		Flexible Funding Grants
D	Increased special disaster assistance grants (including Category C component)	Grants for primary producers of up to \$75,000
	Payment to bushfire affected governments	\$1 million payments to severely impacted local governments



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.

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (including Emergency Works and Immediate Reconstruction Works)

- Emergency Works

To assist local and state governments to undertake urgent activities necessary following an eligible disaster to temporarily restore an eligible essential public asset to enable it to operate/be operated at an acceptable level of efficiency to support the immediate recovery of a community.



- Immediate Reconstruction Works

To assist local and state governments to immediately and permanently reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function immediately after the eligible disaster.

- Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets:

To assist local and state governments to reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function.

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

Assistance for primary producers:

Extraordinary Bushfire 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 and/or 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

Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants - Primary Producers

Grants for primary producers who have suffered direct damage caused by an eligible disaster. Grants are aimed at covering the cost of clean-up and reinstatement, but not at providing compensation for losses.

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

Assistance for small business:

Extraordinary Bushfire Assistance (Small Business) Loans

Concessional interest rate loans to assist small businesses whose assets have been significantly damaged by an eligible disaster, to recover and return to viable operations and/or 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.

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Assistance for communities and in exceptional circumstances

Category C – Community Recovery Fund

- A community recovery fund in circumstances where a community is severely affected and needs to restore social networks, community functioning and community facilities. Expenditure from the fund is aimed at community recovery, community development and community capacity building, and is administered by the state in close collaboration with local government or other community bodies.

Category D – Exceptional Circumstance Packages

- Acts of relief or recovery carried out to alleviate distress or damage in circumstances which are considered exceptional.