

Tip sheet 7

Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

Re-damaged assets and REPA

This tip sheet provides guidance on managing Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) funding on assets that have been re-damaged by a subsequent DRFA event. Refer to 9.5.7 of the Queensland Disaster Funding Guidelines (QDFG).

Re-damaged assets that are approved REPA funding to restore damage caused by one event, may be re-lodged under a subsequent DRFA REPA activated event *only* if damage evidence, collected after the subsequent event, demonstrates:

- **increased severity and nature of damage** caused by the subsequent event, requiring <u>additional</u> or <u>higher</u> <u>treatments</u> over the prior approved scope; and/or
- **increased extent of damage** to the asset caused by the subsequent event, requiring <u>additional scope</u> to restore the asset to its pre-disaster function.
- 1. Use the results of your damage assessments from the latest event AND your latest REPA progress report data to Identify re-damaged assets, PLUS the status of works on those assets at the date of the subsequent event. Continue to Step 2 for each re-damaged asset.

2.	The re-damaged asset is in a current REPA program AND all previously approved scope was complete at the time of the subsequent event?	YES - Develop and lodge the new scope and evidence under REPA for the new event. Acquit the completed scope as usual as part of your final progress report and close out submission. Completion photos are required.	NO - Go to step 3
3.	The re-damaged asset is in a current REPA program AND: the previously approved scope of work was not complete at the time of the subsequent event, AND damage assessments after the new event indicate that there is more severe or additional damage caused by the subsequent event?	YES - Complete steps 4 and 5. Contact your RLO for advice.	NO – maintain delivery of the approved scope of works within the current program. No change to approved scope required.

- 4. Where the re-damaged assets require additional treatments or scope due to the new event:
 - a. **Prepare line items in a draft REPA submission for the new event**, detailing the location, nature and extent of damage to all new or re-damaged assets:
 - i. attach evidence supporting the damage caused by the subsequent event
 - ii. add comments against sites that overlap with scope approved under the prior event (use description field and include the prior event submission #)
 - iii. provide additional supporting documents to support the increase in severity or extent of damage, where re-damage may not be clear (use description field and additional evidence reference)
 - b. Report status and changes within progress reports:
 - i. Identify asset as "re-damaged", report scope and cost of works completed prior to the new event. At a treatment level, update treatments to report information at chainage/site level.
- 5. Where scope associated with the original REPA program is contracted, the following options may be available:
 - a. Award the additional or 'extra-over' scope as a contract variation (subject to relevant procurement policies), delivering as REPA or Immediate Reconstruction Works, and record costs/scope against the new event.
 - b. De-scope the works from the original REPA program and develop and lodge a submission under the new event.
 - c. Undertake Emergency Works on sites not already contracted.

The need to demonstrate additional damage to an asset remains the key principle when determining whether an asset requires re-lodging following a subsequent event. Only damage caused directly by a DRFA REPA activated disaster is eligible for reimbursement under the DRFA. It is essential to obtain evidence of the additional damage from the subsequent disaster before continuing the previously approved REPA works. Works cannot be re-lodged solely for the convenience of program scheduling.

Where there is **no suitable evidence of additional** damage caused by the subsequent eligible disaster (i.e. no increase in severity or extent of scope), the definition of a re-damaged asset has not been met and **REPA** is ineligible under the subsequent event.

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Where there are inconsistencies between this tip sheet, the Australian Government DRFA and the QDFG, the DRFA will prevail.