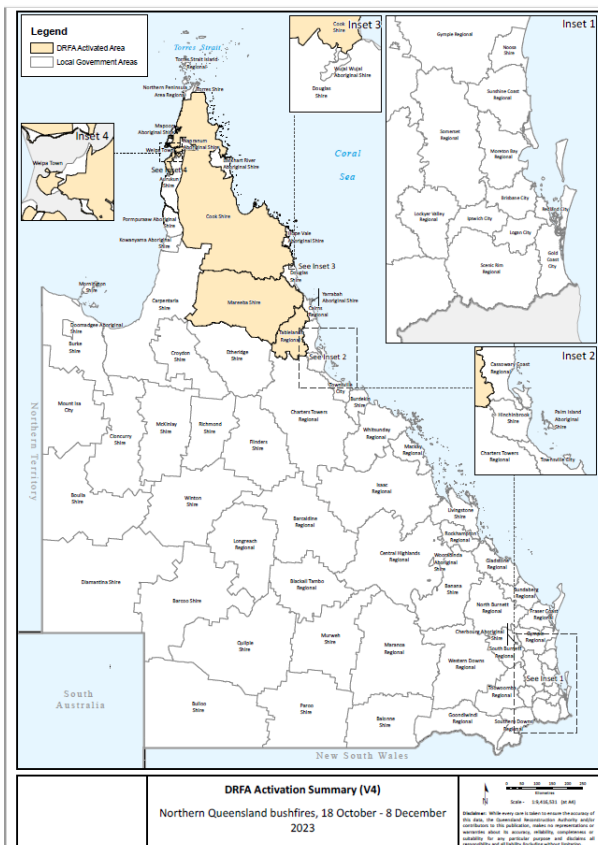


## Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements event

### Northern Queensland Bushfires, 18 October – 8 December 2023 (V4)



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 disaster, assistance has been activated for the area formally defined as:  
***“Communities with northern Queensland affected by bushfires, 18 October – 8 December 2023.”***

### DRFA assistance measures (activated by the Queensland Government)

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

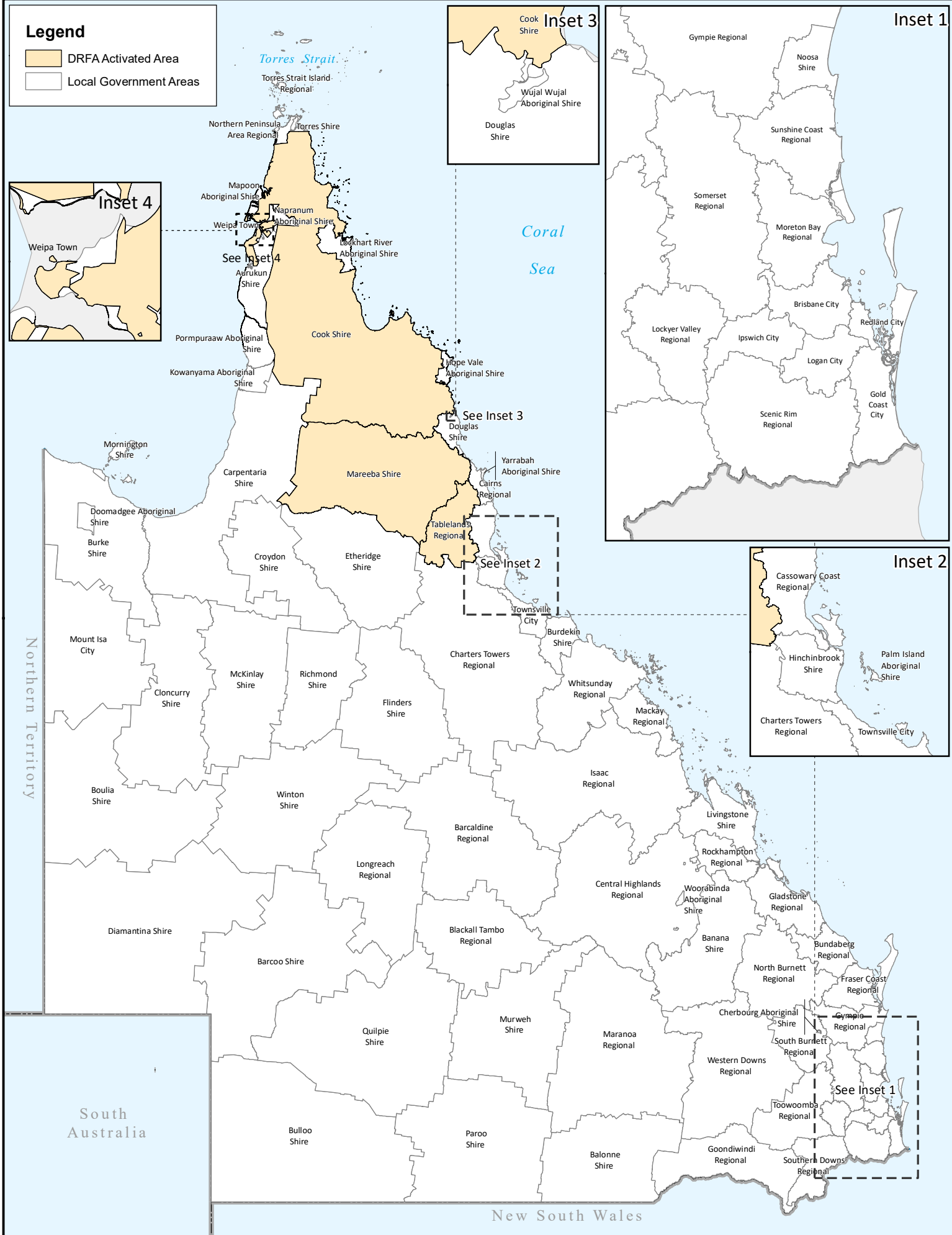
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Mareeba Shire Council	20/11/2023	14/12/2023	14/12/2023	3/11/2023 <sup>1</sup>	14/12/2023	3/11/2023 <sup>1</sup>
Tablelands Regional Council	20/11/2023	14/12/2023	14/12/2023	3/11/2023 <sup>1</sup>	14/12/2023	3/11/2023 <sup>1</sup>

1. The PHAS and ESSRS for Local Government Areas is limited to specific areas and private addresses and if published will be noted on the DTATSIPCA website.



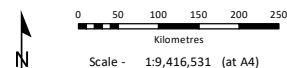
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- DRFA Activated Area
- Local Government Areas



## DRFA Activation Summary (V4)

Northern Queensland bushfires, 18 October - 8 December 2023



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## DRFA ASSISTANCE MEASURES ACTIVATED

### *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 Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Partnerships, Communities and the Arts on 1800 173 349 or <https://www.dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au/>

### ***Assistance for state and local governments:***

#### *Counter Disaster Operations*

To assist local governments and state agencies 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](http://www.qra.qld.gov.au)

### ***Assistance for primary producers:***

#### *Disaster Assistance (Primary Producer) 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 Producer*

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](http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au)





*Freight Subsidies for Primary Producer*

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 13 25 23 or [www.daf.qld.gov.au](http://www.daf.qld.gov.au)