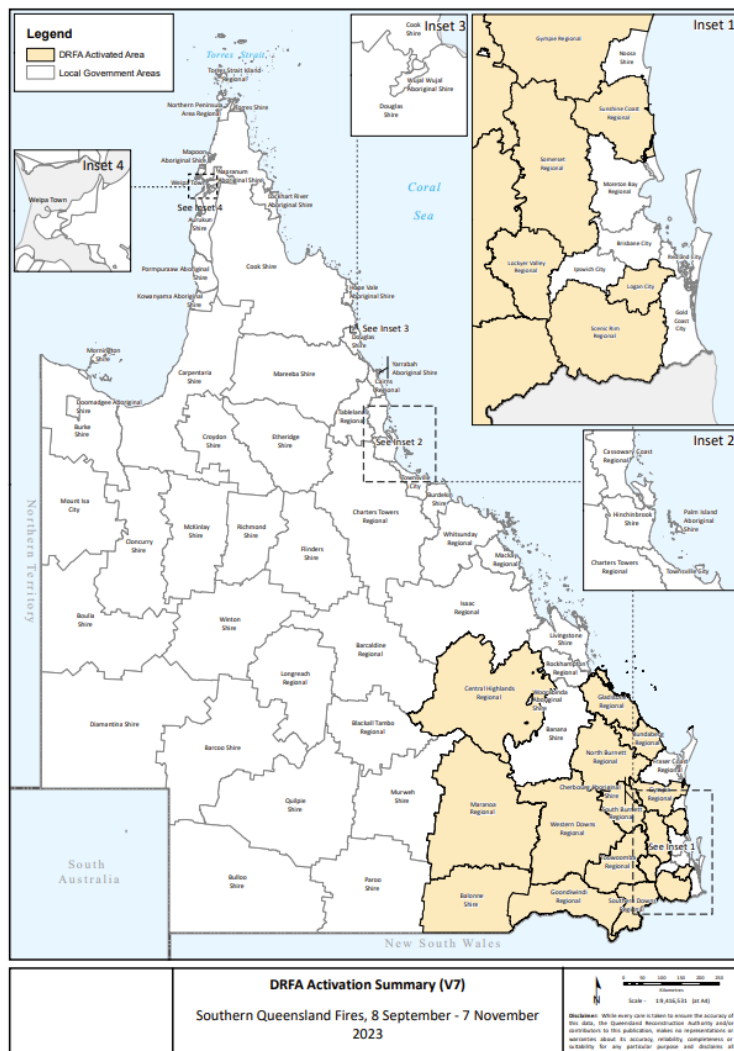


Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements event

Southern Queensland Bushfires, 8 September – 7 November 2023 (V7)



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 Southern and Central Queensland affected by fires, 8 September – 7 November 2023.”***

DRFA assistance measures (activated by the Queensland Government)

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

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

- Please refer to Category D Exceptional assistance measures table



Local Government Area	Counter Disaster Operations	Essential Services Safety & Reconnection Scheme	Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme	Freight Subsidies for Primary Producers	Disaster Assistance Loans		Disaster Assistance (Essential WorkingCapital) Loans Scheme		Extraordinary Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants
					Primary Producers	Small Business	Primary Producers	Small Business	Primary Producers
Balonne Shire Council	3/11/2023								
Bundaberg Regional Council	1/11/2023	1/11/2023 ¹	1/11/2023 ¹	3/11/2023	3/11/2023		3/11/2023		30/11/2023
Central Highlands Regional Council	3/11/2023			3/11/2023	3/11/2023		3/11/2023		30/11/2023
Gladstone Regional Council	1/11/2023	1/11/2023 ¹	1/11/2023 ¹	3/11/2023	3/11/2023		3/11/2023		30/11/2023
Goondiwindi Regional Council	3/11/2023								
Gympie Regional Council	22/11/2023								
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	3/11/2023								
Logan City Council	3/11/2023								
Maranoa Regional Council	3/11/2023			3/11/2023	3/11/2023		3/11/2023		30/11/2023
North Burnett Regional Council	3/11/2023			3/11/2023	3/11/2023		3/11/2023		30/11/2023
Scenic Rim Regional Council	3/11/2023								



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					Primary Producers	Small Business	Primary Producers	Small Business	Primary Producers
Somerset Regional Council	22/11/2023								
South Burnett Regional Council				3/11/2023	3/11/2023		3/11/2023		30/11/2023
Southern Downs Regional Council	8/11/2023	1/11/2023 ¹	1/11/2023 ¹	3/11/2023	3/11/2023		3/11/2023		30/11/2023
Sunshine Coast Regional Council	3/11/2023								
Toowoomba Regional Council	25/10/2023	25/10/2023 ¹	25/10/2023 ¹	3/11/2023	3/11/2023		3/11/2023		30/11/2023
Western Downs Regional Council	25/10/2023	25/10/2023 ¹	25/10/2023 ¹	3/11/2023	3/11/2023	15/11/2023	3/11/2023	15/11/2023	30/11/2023

1. For Essential Services Safety and Reconnection and Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme application process and eligibility, refer to DTATSIPCA website, refer to <https://www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies>



Exceptional Category D assistance measures

DRFA Category	Package Type	Assistance Measure
D	Extraordinary disaster assistance grants	Category D grants for primary producers of up to \$75,000
D	Local Recovery and Resilience Grants	Category D grants for severely impacted local governments

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.gra.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.

Extraordinary Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants - Primary Producer

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

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

Assistance for small businesses:

Disaster 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.

Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Small Business

Concessional interest rate loans to assist small businesses that have suffered a significant loss of income as a consequence of an eligible disaster, by providing a concessional loan for 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

Extraordinary Assistance Available:

Local Recovery and Resilience Grants

Category D grants for severely impacted local governments.