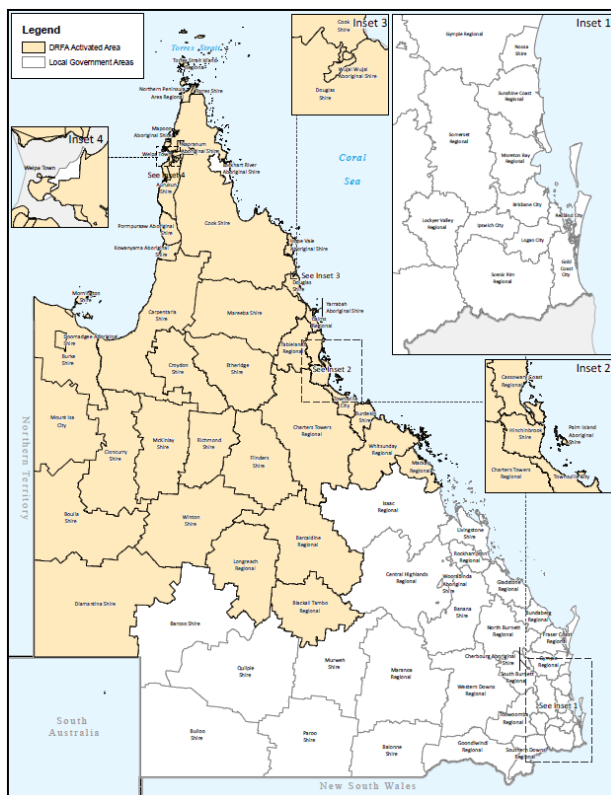


Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements event

North and Far North Tropical Low 29 January – 28 February 2025 (V21)



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 within North and Far North Queensland areas affected by the tropical low 29 January – 28 February 2025”*.

DRFA assistance measures (activated by the Queensland Government)

- Counter Disaster Operations
- Reconstruction of Public Assets
- Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme
- Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme
- Disaster Assistance (Not-for-Profit Organisation) Loans
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Not-for-Profit Organisation
- Disaster Assistance (Primary Producer) Loans
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Primary Producer
- Disaster Assistance (Small Business) Loans
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Small Business
- Freight Subsidies for Primary Producer



DRFA assistance measures (activated by the Queensland Government)

Local Government Area	Counter Disaster Operations	Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme	Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme	Reconstruction of Public Assets	Disaster Assistance Loans for:			Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for:			Freight Subsidies for Primary Producer	Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for:		
					Not-for-Profit Orgs	Primary Producer	Small Business	Not-for-Profit Orgs	Primary Producer	Small Businesses		Not-for-Profit Orgs	Primary Producer	Small Businesses
Aurukun Shire Council	05/03/2025			05/03/2025										
Barcaldine Shire Council	17/02/2025			17/02/2025										
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	19/02/2025			19/02/2025										
Boulia Shire Council	19/02/2025			19/02/2025										
Burdekin Shire Council	01/02/2025	03/02/25 ¹	03/02/25 ²	01/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	11/02/2025	11/02/2025	11/02/2025
Burke Shire Council	26/02/2025			26/02/2025										
Cairns Regional Council	01/02/2025	30/01/2025 ¹	30/01/2025 ²	01/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	11/02/2025	11/02/2025	11/02/2025
Carpentaria Shire Council	10/02/2025			10/02/2025										
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	02/02/2025	03/02/25 ¹	03/02/25 ²	02/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	11/02/2025	11/02/2025	11/02/2025
Charters Towers Regional Council	04/02/2025	07/02/2025 ¹	07/02/2025 ²	04/02/2025	12/03/2025	10/02/2025	12/03/2025	12/03/2025	10/02/2025	12/03/2025	10/02/2025	20/03/2025	17/02/2025	20/03/2025
Cloncurry Shire Council	17/02/2025			17/02/2025										

¹ For defined areas, for more information refer to www.qld.gov.au/disasterhelp

² For Essential Services Safety and Reconnection and Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme application process and eligibility, refer to Community Recovery website, refer to www.qld.gov.au/disasterhelp

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Cook Shire Council	07/02/2025			07/02/2025											
Croydon Shire Council	10/02/2025			10/02/2025											
Diamantina Shire Council	19/02/2025			19/02/2025											
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council	26/02/2025			26/02/2025											
Douglas Shire Council	07/02/2025			07/02/2025											
Etheridge Shire Council	05/02/2025	05/02/2025 ¹	05/02/2025 ²	05/02/2025											
Flinders Shire Council	10/02/2025			10/02/2025		10/02/2025			10/02/2025		10/02/2025		17/02/2025		
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	02/02/2025	02/02/2025 ¹	02/02/2025 ²	02/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	11/02/2025	11/02/2025	11/02/2025
Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council	12/02/2025			12/02/2025											
Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	12/02/2025			12/02/2025											
Longreach Shire Council	12/02/2025			12/02/2025											
Mackay Regional Council	17/04/2025			17/04/2025											
Mareeba Shire Council	05/03/2025			05/03/2025											
McKinlay Shire Council	17/02/2025			17/02/2025											
Mornington Shire Council	26/02/2025			26/02/2025											
Mount Isa City Council	05/03/2025			05/03/2025											

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Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council	26/02/2025			26/02/2025										
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	19/02/2025			19/02/2025										
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	01/02/2025	02/02/2025 ¹	02/02/2025 ²	01/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	11/02/2025	11/02/2025	11/02/2025
Pompuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council	12/02/2025			12/02/2025										
Richmond Shire Council	17/02/2025			17/02/2025										
Tablelands Regional Council	02/02/2025			02/02/2025		12/03/2025			12/03/2025		12/03/2025		20/03/2025	
Torres Shire Council	26/02/2025			26/02/2025										
Torres Strait Island Regional Council	21/03/2025			21/03/2025										
Townsville City Council	01/02/2025	01/02/2025 ¹	01/02/2025 ²	01/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	11/02/2025	11/02/2025	11/02/2025
Whitsunday Regional Council	04/02/2025			04/02/2025										
Winton Shire Council	12/02/2025			12/02/2025										
Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council	10/02/2025			10/02/2025										
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	03/02/25			03/02/25	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	04/02/2025	11/02/2025	11/02/2025	11/02/2025

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DRFA Exceptional Circumstance Relief Packages

DRFA Category	Package Type	Assistance Measure
C	Community Relief Fund	To provide timely support to impacted councils to ensure that residents can remove waste, clean properties and progress with their recovery. The timely provision of these activities is crucial to mitigate mental health impacts and ensure that recovery progress is not delayed.
C	Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for Primary Producers	Grants that will provide targeted assistance with clean up, restoration and recovery activities to eligible primary producers.
C	Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for Small Business and Not-For-Profits	Grants that will provide targeted assistance with clean up, restoration and recovery activities to eligible small business and not-for-profit organisations.
D	Rural Landholder Recovery Grants	Grants that will provide targeted assistance with clean up, restoration and recovery activities to eligible landholders that contribute to primary production. Eligible local government areas include only local government areas activated for the Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for Primary Producers.
D	Coordinated Emergency Fodder Support Package	To assist primary producers, and the Queensland government with the extraordinary costs of undertaking emergency livestock welfare activities.
D	Betterment Program	Funding for state agencies and local governments to improve the resilience of essential public assets that were damaged as a direct result of the event.
C	Mental Health Program	Funding to support the mental health and wellbeing recovery in communities impacted by this event.
C	Community Health and Wellbeing Program	Funding to conduct community health and wellbeing activities in communities impacted by this event.
C	Primary Producer Industry Support Program	Direct funding to Department of Primary Industries for tailored holistic support of primary producers in activated local government areas (LGAs). Supporting recovery and resilience building in the areas of financial, production, personal, business and acute mental health.

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C	Small Business and Tourism and Industry Support Program	Funding for recovery programs and activities to support medium to long term recovery for small businesses, including support for the Tourism industry.
D	Environmental Recovery Program	Funding to support environmental and cultural recovery activities to accelerate recovery across impacted areas.
D	Community and Recreational Assets Program	Funding to repair and rebuild affected community and recreational facilities damaged by the event through a grants-based Recovery Program.
D	Sport and Recreational Assets Program	Funding to undertake the repair and rebuild of sport and recreational facilities impacted by the event.
C	Monitoring and Evaluation Program	Funding for the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) to monitor and evaluate the Category C and D DRFA Exceptional Circumstances Packages related to the event.



DRFA ASSISTANCE MEASURES ACTIVATED

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.gra.qld.gov.au

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

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 Community Recovery on 1800 173 349 or www.qld.gov.au/disasterhelp

Assistance for not-for-profit organisations:

- **Disaster Assistance (Not-for-Profit Organisation) Loans** – Concessional interest rate loans to assist not-for-profit organisations whose assets have been significantly damaged by an eligible disaster, to repair or replace the damaged assets.
- **Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Not-for-Profit Organisation** – Concessional interest rate loans to assist not-for-profit organisations 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 operations.

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

Assistance for small business:

Disaster Assistance (Small Business) Loans – Concessional interest rate loans to assist small business 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 small business 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.

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