



# Queensland Reconstruction Authority

*The Queensland Reconstruction Authority is the lead agency for disaster recovery and resilience in Queensland.*



# Our vision

*Stronger, safer and more resilient Queensland communities.*

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# Our purpose

*Coordinate action to improve the resilience of Queensland communities and facilitate locally led disaster recovery.*

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## About us

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) is charged with managing and coordinating the Queensland Government's program of infrastructure renewal and recovery within disaster affected communities. With a focus on working with our state and local government partners, QRA is proud to deliver best practice administration of public reconstruction and resilience funds.

QRA is the state's lead agency for disaster recovery, resilience and mitigation policy. In this role, QRA works collaboratively with other agencies and key stakeholders to reduce risk and bolster disaster preparedness. QRA leads initiatives and activities to assist government, businesses and the wider community to mitigate risks and prepare for disasters.

## Our organisational objectives

- Rebuild, recover and reconnect disaster affected communities
- Build capacity in recovery and resilience through expert leadership and partnerships
- Get ready, reduce risk and build resilience.





## Recovery

Assist local communities to recover sooner from disasters and maximise recovery and resilience outcomes for Queensland.

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## Resilience

The Queensland Government is committed to strengthening disaster resilience to ensure communities are better equipped to deal with the increasing prevalence of natural disasters.

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### Our recovery responsibilities:

- provide responsive and integrated services to communities before, during and after disasters
- coordinate programs that support and build disaster relief and recovery readiness, capability and resilience at the local level.

### Key recovery activities

#### Rebuild, recover and reconnect

- Reconstruction Monitoring
- State Recovery Policy and Planning Coordinator (SRPPC)
- support the State Recovery Coordinators (SRC)
- Queensland Recovery Plan
- event-specific State Recovery and Resilience Plans
- support for Local Recovery Plans
- disaster recovery policy and planning
- recovery capability development
- recovery support and collaboration.

### Recovery governance

The Queensland Recovery Plan outlines recovery requirements for operations, planning and arrangements at the local, district and state level. It drives a collaborative and coordinated approach across all functions of recovery, all levels of government and the whole community and ensures recovery operations are appropriate to the scale of a disaster event.

The Queensland Recovery Plan describes the arrangements for transition from response to recovery – highlighting the roles and responsibilities of the State Recovery Policy and Planning Coordinator and the State Recovery Coordinator and the Functional Recovery and Resilience Groups (FRRGs) – to assist disaster impacted communities achieve optimum recovery outcomes. FRRGs support communities across the five functional lines of recovery: Human and Social; Economic; Environment; Building; and Roads and Transport.

The Queensland Recovery Plan promotes the enhancement of resilience through recovery. It provides information and guidance to stakeholders on the governance, planning and operational issues relating to disaster recovery for all hazards.

The Queensland Recovery Plan is a sub-plan to the Queensland State Disaster Management Plan, and is maintained by QRA on behalf of the Queensland Disaster Management Committee.

### Our resilience responsibilities:

QRA works together with all levels of government to develop and coordinate the Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience – the overarching framework to guide how the Queensland Government collaboratively delivers disaster resilience commitments and actions, based on local and regional needs, to strengthen community resilience.

### Key resilience activities

#### Build capacity

- forge trusted, reciprocal and robust relationships with community leaders, thought leaders, and local, state, Commonwealth and international partners in relief, recovery and resilience
- assist local governments and communities to build knowledge and capability that drives best practice in recovery and building resilience
- influence and enhance the development of national relief, recovery and resilience policy
- produce evidence-based data, analytics and evaluative materials that are useful to, and used by, communities and decision-makers.

#### Get ready, reduce risk and build resilience

- design and deliver best practice strategies to help communities Get Ready, be resilient and ultimately recover from future disasters
- prioritise and coordinate disaster resilience funding programs to maximise risk reduction and build resilience such as the Flood Warning Infrastructure Network and the Disaster Ready Fund
- lead statewide hazard and risk management functions including prevention, mitigation and preparedness activities
- coordinate development and implementation of whole-of-government policies to manage disaster risk
- provide advice to support the development of whole-of-government policies towards more resilient buildings, infrastructure and communities
- ensure best-practice flood risk management, disaster risk management, and geographical information system (GIS) use
- deliver community engagement, education and community awareness campaigns.



# Funding programs

QRA manages and coordinates Queensland's program of recovery and reconstruction funding within disaster impacted communities, and delivers best practice administration of public reconstruction and resilience funds.

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## QRA administers disaster relief and recovery funding arrangements:

- **Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)**, is a joint-funded program between the Australian Government and state and territory governments and is intended as an emergency helping hand for individuals and communities in need following a disaster. More information on the DRFA is available at [www.disasterassist.gov.au](http://www.disasterassist.gov.au).
- **State Disaster Relief Arrangements (SDRA)**, a wholly state funded program that may be activated for all hazards that provides assistance where personal hardship and distress is experienced following the impact of a disaster event.

## Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)

There are four categories of assistance available under the DRFA:

- **Category A:** assistance to individuals to alleviate personal hardship or distress arising as a direct result of a disaster.
- **Category B:** assistance to the state, and/or local governments for the restoration of essential public assets and certain counter disaster operations. Category B assistance also covers assistance to disaster impacted small businesses, primary producers, not-for-profits and individuals through concessional loans, subsidies or grants.
- **Category C:** assistance for severely affected communities, regions or sectors and includes clean-up and recovery grants for small businesses and primary producers and/or the establishment of a Community Recovery Fund following a severe event.
- **Category D:** exceptional circumstances assistance beyond Categories A, B and C. Category D assistance is generally considered once the impact of the disaster has been assessed and specific recovery gaps identified.

## Event specific (exceptional circumstances) assistance

Of the four categories of assistance available under DRFA, two categories – Category C and Category D – offer exceptional circumstances assistance for severely affected communities following disaster events. QRA is responsible for coordinating delivery of these packages in partnership with all levels of government following significant disaster events.

## Resilience funding

Queensland has led the nation in delivering several programs that demonstrate how upfront investment in resilience saves money for all levels of government in future disasters. Examples include:

- Queensland Betterment Funds – rebuilding essential public assets to a more resilient standard.
- Resilient Homes Fund (RHF) – The \$741 million RHF program was delivered in response to the 2021-22 flooding events. Under the RHF, impacted homeowners were invited to register to be considered for one of three program options: Resilient Retrofit, Home Raising or Voluntary Home Buy-Back. The RHF is jointly funded by the Queensland and Australian Governments.
- Flood Risk Management Program (FRMP) – \$49 million program jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Government for evidence-based response, mitigation and resilience strategies to manage river, creek and overland flood risk following the 2021-22 rainfall and flooding event.

QRA also administers other disaster resilience funding on behalf of the Queensland Government. Examples include:

- Get Ready Queensland (GRQ) funding program for councils – GRQ provides funding to help local governments improve locally led disaster preparedness and resilience in their communities.
- Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) - DRF is an Australian Government disaster risk reduction initiative to deliver medium-term and long-term national outcomes.
- DRFA Efficiencies Program – funded by the Commonwealth and state governments through efficiencies realised during the delivery of Queensland's DRFA reconstruction program.
- Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund (QRRRF) – QRRRF is a jointly funded initiative of the Queensland and Australian Governments aimed at reducing, mitigating and managing future disaster risk across the state.

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## Disaster preparedness, hazard and risk

QRA coordinates initiatives for disaster preparedness, hazard and risk to help Queenslanders to better understand their risk and prepare for the increasing prevalence of disasters.

### Get Ready Queensland (GRQ)

A year-round, all hazards, resilience building program coordinated by the QRA to help communities and individuals prepare for natural disasters. GRQ aims to make Queensland the nation's most disaster resilient state, connecting with audiences through a program of advertising, timely and relevant social media content, online resources, community engagement and locally led initiatives.

[getready.qld.gov.au](http://getready.qld.gov.au)

### If it's flooded, forget it (IIFI)

An award-winning, life-saving statewide campaign and website encouraging safer road use in severe weather, with the ultimate aim of reducing floodwater-related road trauma.

[getready.qld.gov.au/FloodedForgetIt](http://getready.qld.gov.au/FloodedForgetIt)

### Queensland Government Flood website

A gateway and source of truth to find reliable flood information for individuals, families, businesses, communities, councils and flood practitioners.

[qld.gov.au/flood](http://qld.gov.au/flood)

### Queensland Government Bushfire website

A dedicated website focused on dependable bushfire information for disaster management practitioners, individuals, families, businesses, councils and communities.

[qld.gov.au/bushfire](http://qld.gov.au/bushfire)



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QRA's website outlines information about our work including funding programs, activations, recovery, resilience, corporate publications, news and case studies.

QRA's website also contains links to MARS – a portal to support applications for funding programs and the DRFA toolbox – guidance and advice to assist with all stages of DRFA funded projects.

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### Regional Liaison Network

QRA has a network of Regional Liaison Officers (RLOs) and Resilience and Recovery Officers (RROs) to support Queensland local governments and relevant state agencies.

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