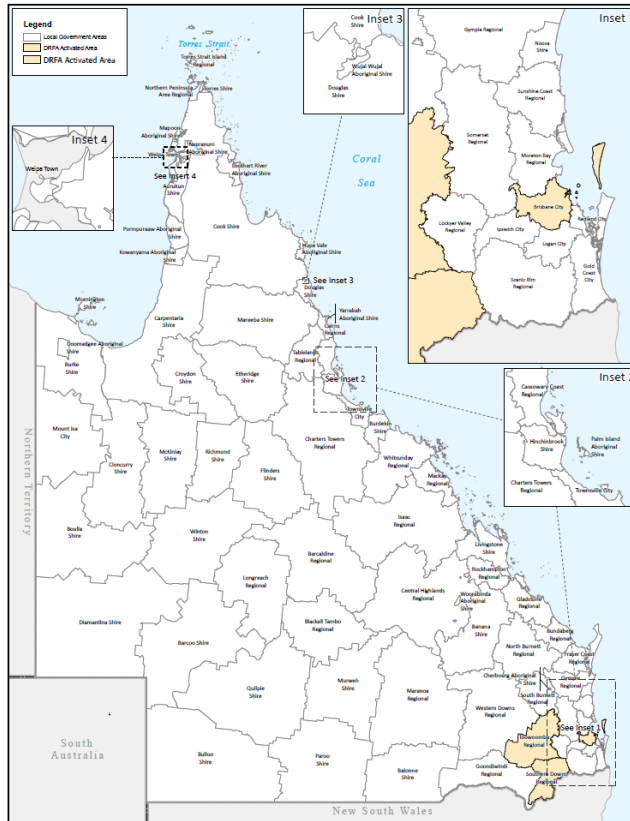




## Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements event

### SEQ Severe Storms - 26 October 2025 (V5)



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 Brisbane City Council LGA, Southern Downs Regional Council LGA and Toowoomba Regional Council LGA, affected by the severe storms on 26 October 2025”*

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

- Counter Disaster Operations
- **Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme**
- Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme
- Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets



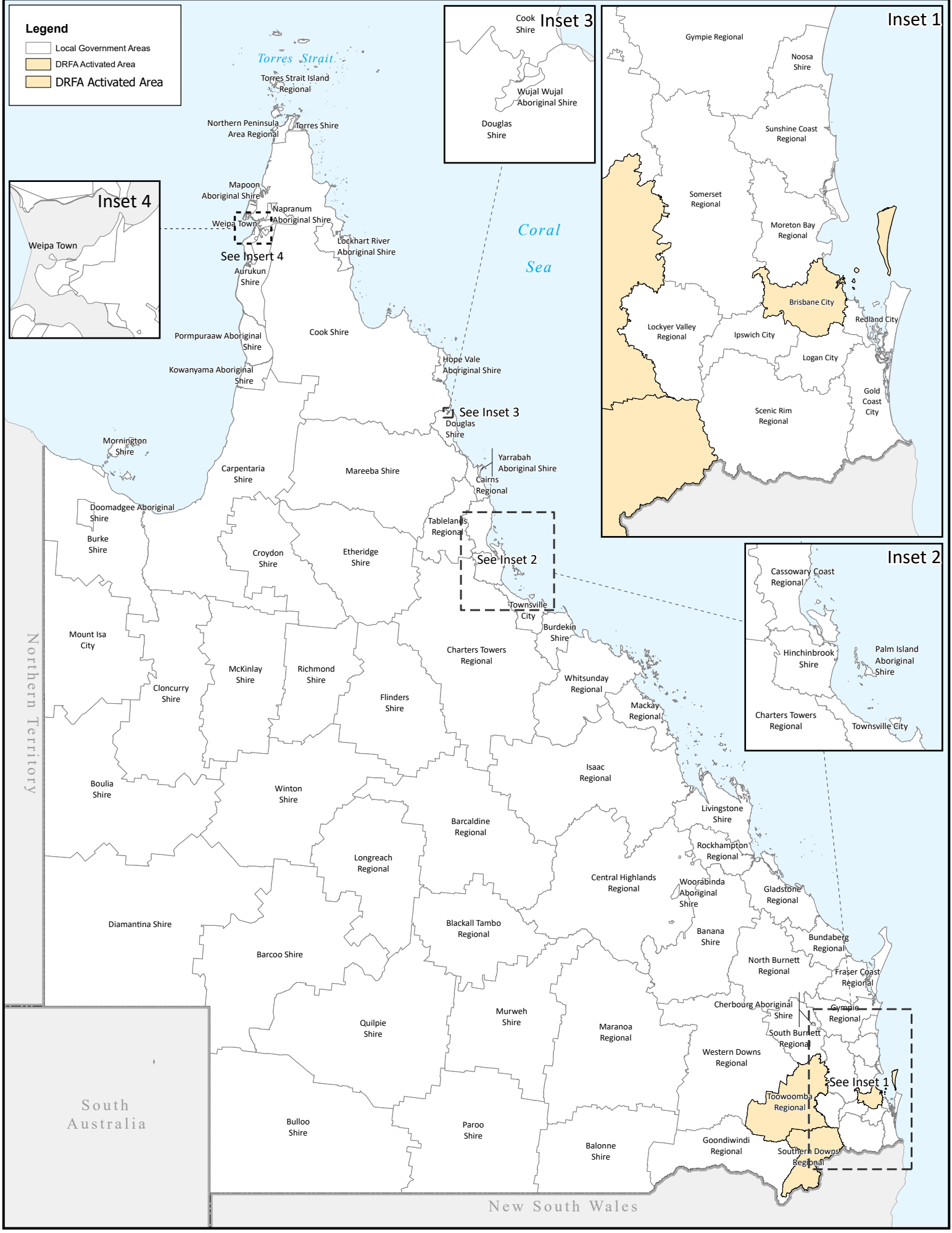
Local Government Area	Counter Disaster Operations	Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme	Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme	Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets
Brisbane City Council	03/11/2025			03/11/2025
Southern Downs Regional Council		10/01/2026 <sup>3</sup>	6/12/2025 <sup>2</sup>	
Toowoomba Regional Council	12/11/2025	8/12/2025 <sup>3</sup>	03/11/2025 <sup>1</sup>	

<sup>1</sup> PHAS (Personal and Financial Counselling) – extended to Essential Household Contents Grants and Structural Assistance Grants for defined locality on 8/12/2025. For more information refer to [www.qld.gov.au/disasterhelp](http://www.qld.gov.au/disasterhelp)

<sup>2</sup> PHAS (Structural Assistance Grants) for Southern Downs Regional Council is for defined localities

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For Essential Services Safety and Reconnection and Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme application process and eligibility, refer to [www.qld.gov.au/disasterhelp](http://www.qld.gov.au/disasterhelp)



## DRFA ASSISTANCE MEASURES ACTIVATED

### *Assistance for Individuals*

#### Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme

- **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.
- **Personal and Financial Counselling** to help individuals who are suffering personal hardship and distress as a direct result of an eligible disaster by providing them with personal and financial counselling in the immediate aftermath of the eligible disaster.
- **Structural Assistance Grants** provide 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 <https://www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies>

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

#### 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.qra.qld.gov.au](http://www.qra.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:**



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