



Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements event Ex-Tropical Cyclone Seth, 7 – 10 January 2022



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 the Wide Bay and Burnett affected by heavy rainfall and flooding, 07 – 10 January 2022*”.

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
- Freight Subsidies for Primary Producers;
- Disaster Assistance (Primary Producers) Loans;
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Primary Producers;
- Disaster Assistance (Small Business) Loans; and
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Small Business



Local Government Area	Counter Disaster Operations	Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme	Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme	Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets	Freight Subsidies for Primary Producers	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
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council	✓ Activated 10/01/22			✓ Activated 10/01/22					
Bundaberg Regional Council					✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22
Fraser Coast Regional Council ¹	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22
Gympie Regional Council	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22
North Burnett Regional Council					✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22
South Burnett Regional Council					✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22	✓ Activated 10/01/22

1. The PHAS and ESSRS for Fraser Coast Regional Council and Gympie Regional Council are limited to specified areas – refer to <https://www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies/disasters>

Further information:
 Ph: 1800 110 841
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DRFA ASSISTANCE MEASURES ACTIVATED

Assistance for individuals:

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 Communities, Housing and Digital Economy on 1800 173 349 or www.chde.qld.gov.au

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

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (including Emergency Works and Immediate Reconstruction)

- Emergency Works

To assist local governments and state agencies 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 state agencies or local governments to immediately and permanently reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function immediately after the eligible disaster. Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets are works undertaken by local governments and state agencies and to reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function.

- **Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets:**

To assist local governments and state agencies to reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function.

Contact Queensland Reconstruction Authority on 1800 110 841 or www.qra.qld.gov.au

Assistance for primary producers

Disaster Assistance (Primary Producers) 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 Producers

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

Freight Subsidies for Primary Producers

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 business:

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