



Australian Government  
National Recovery and Resilience Agency

# A national approach to disaster preparedness and recovery

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# National Recovery and Resilience Agency

“... we can never flood, cyclone, drought, fireproof our nation completely, but we can be better prepared...”

Prime Minister Scott Morrison, 5 May 2021



## Our purpose

The NRRRA provides **national leadership** and **strategic coordination** in disaster recovery, resilience and risk reduction informed by **a locally led approach** that assists individuals, businesses and communities recover from disasters and be better prepared in the future.



# ESTABLISHMENT TIMELINE



5 May 2021

**National Bushfire Recovery Agency**



1 July 2021

**Rural Financial Counselling Service**



1 July 2021

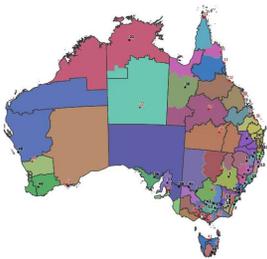
**Elements of Emergency Management Australia**



1 July 2021

**Drought Policy & National Drought Map**

## **NATIONAL RECOVERY & RESILIENCE AGENCY**



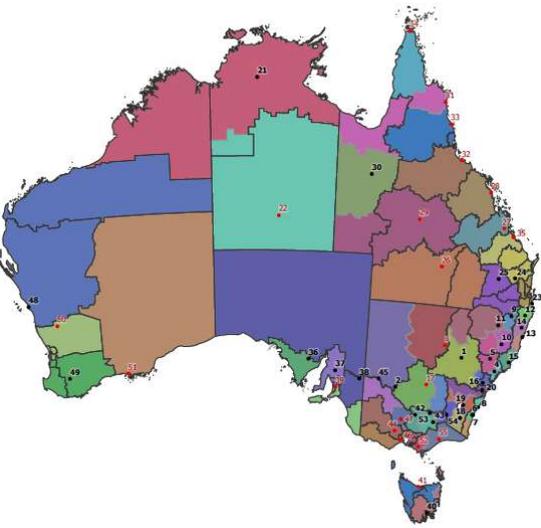
- Established in direct response to a key recommendation of the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements.
- Brings together expertise from multiple Agencies in natural disaster response, recovery, risk reduction and resilience, working with affected communities and all levels of government, charities and industry.
- Providing national leadership on natural disaster resilience and risk reduction initiatives, and to coordinate and deliver enduring on-the-ground recovery support for local communities and individuals affected by disasters and drought.

**Australian Climate Service**

**Enhanced Emergency Management Australia**

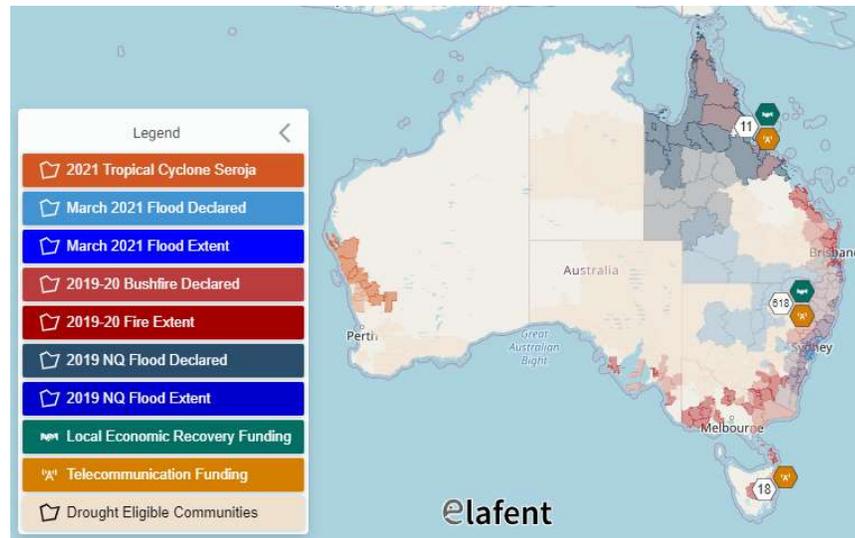
# Locally-led, locally understood, locally implemented.

## RECOVERY SUPPORT OFFICERS



CURRENT: **39 RSOs**  
2021 TARGET: **~60 RSOs**

## PUBLIC PROFILING TOOL



## AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDED RECOVERY PROJECTS



# The Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)

**DRFA is the primary financial mechanism for providing relief and recovery assistance to disaster affected communities.**

There were 45 DRFA disasters in 2020-21.  
Significant disasters included:

- NSW Storms and Floods (February & March)
- Wooroloo Bushfires and Tropical Cyclone Seroja in Western Australia
- Tropical Cyclone Niran in Queensland
- Victorian Storms and Floods (June).

## **MORE THAN \$12 BILLION**

**Over the past decade, the Commonwealth has provided more than \$12 billion to the states and territories through DRFA.**

The DRFA Review will support:

- ✓ **Greater consistency**
- ✓ **Streamlining processes**
- ✓ **Building back better.**

# 2019/20 Black Summer bushfire recovery

## \$2.4 BILLION

### IN ASSISTANCE HAS SUPPORTED RECOVERY ACROSS IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

- **4,900+** properties cleared
- **27,000+** grants and loans to small businesses and primary producers
- **3,200+** payments to volunteer fire fighters
- **200,000+** recovery payments/allowances to individuals
- **82** charities funded for emergency relief and financial counselling
- **9,000+** animals rescued
- **88,000+** payments to assist back-to-school costs

### FURTHER SUPPORT CONTINUES TO FLOW FOR REBUILDING AND LONGER-TERM RECOVERY

- **\$280 million for Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants**
  - Open now
  - Online support available
  - Applications close 6 October 2021.
- **Local Economic Recovery**
  - **\$304 million** already announced
  - **\$46 million** more to come
  - **399** projects funded

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# 2019 North Queensland Monsoon Trough recovery

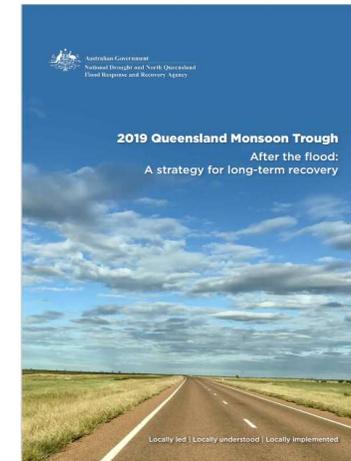
## TO DATE, OVER \$862 MILLION OF COMMONWEALTH FUNDING HAS BEEN SPENT

We are currently delivering **\$300 million in programs** to support medium to long term recovery.

### 6 GRANT PROGRAMS TARGETING 14 LGAs

- **\$15 million** for telecommunications and energy services
  - 21 telecommunications and two energy projects
- **\$12 million** for disaster risk planning
- **\$2 million** for preventative mental health
- **\$20 million** for recovery and resilience grants
- **\$9 million** for emerging industries / add value to existing supply chains
- **\$240 million** for restocking, replanting and on-farm infrastructure

### OUR STRATEGY IS DRIVING RECOVERY



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# Recovery Connect is connecting users to support and assistance

The screenshot shows the Recovery Connect website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Australian Government logo and the 'Recovery Connect' title. Below this, there are two main sections: 'Family and Domestic Violence' with a 'Quick Exit' button and a phone number (000) for immediate danger, and 'Find evacuation or recovery centres' with a 'Find Now' button. The main content area is titled 'Find services and support' and contains a search form. The form has three input fields: 'Disaster type' (with 'Bushfire' selected), 'Type of assistance' (with 'Financial assistance and advice' selected), and 'Location' (with 'Mallacoota VIC 3892, Australia' entered). A 'Search' button is at the bottom of the form.

## Support when you need it

Recovery Connect brings together services and supports from charities, organisations and government directly to you. This assistance helps people prepare for and recover from disasters and major natural events. Check back in regularly as we frequently add new services and update existing ones.

## Disasters and natural events



[Bushfire information and support](#)



[COVID information and support](#)

## New services and support

[COVID-19 Drive-Through Testing Clinic - Parramatta NSW](#)

4Cyle Pathology

[COVID-19 Drive-Through Testing Clinic - Singleton Heights NSW](#)

4Cyle Pathology

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Drive-Through Respiratory Assessment Clinic - Penrith NSW](#)

Australian Clinical Labs

[Walk-In COVID Clinic - Hurstville](#)

## CURRENT

- Recovery Connect is connecting users to cross-jurisdictional and NGO services and support available in their community following a natural disaster
- Work is underway to enhance the user experience to better filter results and deliver more targeted information
- The platform is available to support officers embedded in Evacuation Centres and Recovery Hubs for this disaster season.

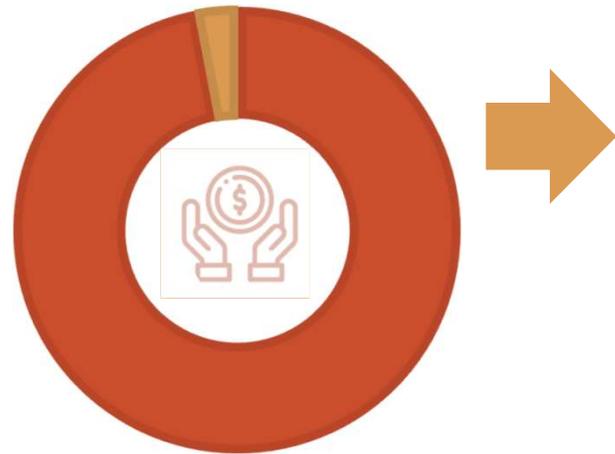
## FUTURE

- Integrate these services into digital channels where people naturally visit – a “no wrong door” approach
- Connection to existing systems to support direct application to support and services through the platform
- Build capability to enable safe and secure sharing of experience of a disaster – a “Tell Us Once” approach

# A new national focus on resilience

## RENEWING OUR FOCUS ON RESILIENCE

**3%** on mitigation, preparedness and resilience



**97%** spent on recovery

## AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

### PREPARING AUSTRALIA PROGRAM

\$600 million program to improve long-term resilience of Australian communities.

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

Allows the Government to draw up to \$200 million in any given year, beyond what is already available to fund emergency response and natural disaster recovery and preparedness.

### NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION FRAMEWORK

Guides Australia's efforts to reduce disaster risk and implementation is supported by \$130.5m Commonwealth funding and NPAs with states and territories.

### NORTH QUEENSLAND STRATA TITLE RESILIENCE PILOT PROGRAM

The \$40 million program aims to reduce insurance costs for strata properties, which face significant insurance affordability pressures. It complements the Reinsurance Pool.

### REINSURANCE POOL

The establishment of the \$10 billion reinsurance pool will make home and small business insurance more affordable and accessible for northern Australian residents.

### NATIONAL CAPABILITY PACKAGE

A \$4.5 million package to help regional communities prepare for, and recover from, high-risk hazards. This will include pilot Regional Resilience Hubs, and training and recovery exercising programs.

# The National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework

The National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework guides national efforts to address existing disaster risks and minimise new risks.

## Key components:

### ■ Four priorities

Priority 1: Understand Disaster Risk

Priority 2: Accountable decisions

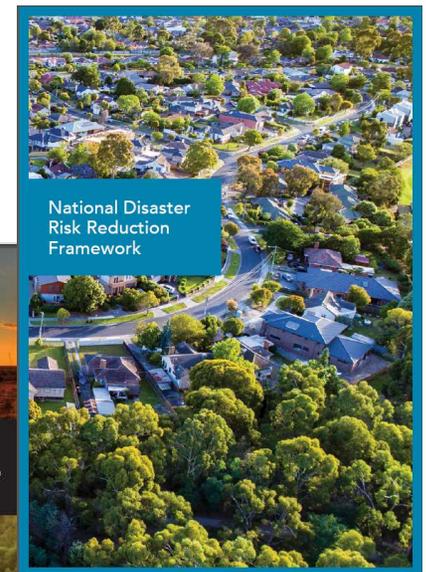
Priority 3: Enhanced investment

Priority 4: Governance, ownership and responsibility

■ **National Action Plans** – Consultation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Action Plan is underway

■ **\$261 million Disaster Risk Reduction Funding Package**

■ **Measurement, Evaluation and Learning Framework**



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