Natural Disaster Relief Notice

Pursuant to Section 96(2) of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management-Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2010, I hereby enact the Department of Transport and Main Roads' Natural Disaster Assistance Package as a result of Central Queensland Bushfires 22 November - 6 December 2018.

Assistance will be provided to persons who live, operate an Approved Inspection Station (AIS) premise or have their vehicle’s registration garaging address:

- in an area where the Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme has been activated. Refer to the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) website and map for affected areas by Central Queensland Bushfires 22-6 December 2018.
  

- for a period of three months from 29 November 2018 (inclusive).

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Delegate of the Director-General
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Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements event
Central Queensland Bushfires, 22 November – 6 December 2018

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 bushfires, assistance has been activated for the area formally defined as: “Communities within Central Queensland affected by bushfires, 22 November – 6 December 2018”

DRFA assistance measures (as activated by the Queensland Government)

- Counter Disaster Operations
- Disaster Assistance (Small Business) Loans
- Disaster Assistance (Primary Producers) Loans
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Small Business
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Primary Producers
- Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme
- Freight Subsidies for Primary Producers
- Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme

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1. The Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme (PHAS) and Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme activations for Gladstone is limited to the suburbs of:
   o Baffle Creek, Deepwater, Oyster Creek, Rules Beach and Tafton - for these suburbs the Emergency Hardship Assistance component of the PHAS commences on 28 November 2018 and the Essential Services Hardship Assistance component commences on 1 December 2018 (if required), and
   o Ambrose and Mount Larcom - for these suburbs the Emergency Hardship Assistance component of the PHAS commences on 29 November 2018 and the Essential Services Hardship Assistance component commences on 4 December 2018 (if required), and
   o Captain's Creek - for this suburb the Emergency Hardship Assistance component of the PHAS commences on 30 November 2018 and the Essential Services Hardship Assistance component commences on 5 December 2018 (if required)

2. The Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme (PHAS) and Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme activation for Mackay is limited to the suburbs of:
   o Campwin Beach, Credton, Eungella, Dalrymple Heights, Finch Hatton, Netherdale and Sarah Beach - for these suburbs the Emergency Hardship Assistance component of the PHAS commences on 29 November 2018 and the Essential Services Hardship Assistance component commences on 4 December 2018 (if required).
   o Bloomsbury, Broken River - for this suburb the Emergency Hardship Assistance component of the PHAS commences on 5 December 2018 and the Essential Services Hardship Assistance component commences on 10 December 2018 (if required)

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3. The Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme (PHAS) and Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme activation for Rockhampton is limited to the suburbs of:
   - Gracemere, Kabra and Stanwell - for these suburbs the Emergency Hardship Assistance component of the PHAS commences on 29 November 2018 and the Essential Services Hardship Assistance component commences on 4 December 2018 (if required).
   - Alton Downs and Nine Mile - for these suburbs the Emergency Hardship Assistance component of the PHAS commences on 30 November 2018 and the Essential Services Hardship Assistance component commences on 5 December 2018 (if required).

4. The Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme (PHAS) and Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme activation for Bundaberg is limited to the suburb of:
   - Wellfield - for this suburb the Emergency Hardship Assistance component of the PHAS commences on 30 November 2018 and the Essential Services Hardship Assistance component commences on 5 December 2018 (if required).

5. The Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme (PHAS) and Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme activation for Isaac is limited to the suburbs of:
   - Blue Mountain, Carmila - for this suburb the Emergency Hardship Assistance component of the PHAS commences on 5 December 2018 and the Essential Services Hardship Assistance component commences on 10 December 2018 (if required).

6. The Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme (PHAS) and Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme activation for Livingstone is limited to the suburb of:
   - The Caves - for this suburb the Emergency Hardship Assistance component of the PHAS commences on 5 December 2018 and the Essential Services Hardship Assistance component commences on 10 December 2018 (if required).
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 1 or more essential services for more than 5 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.

Contact Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors on 1800 173 349 or www.communities.qld.gov.au

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, Disability Services and Seniors on 1800 173 349 or www.communities.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.

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

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

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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 3224 8832 or www.daf.qld.gov.au

Assistance for small business
Disaster Assistance (Small Business) Loans
Concessional interest rate loans to assist small business operators whose assets have been significantly damaged by an eligible disaster, to recover and return to viable operations.

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

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Concessional interest rate loans to small businesses 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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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

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