

Flood & Cyclone Assistances 2010-11

Fact Sheet and Contacts Guide

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*Extreme weather events trigger counter disaster and emergency services responses under the **Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA)**. These also provide an escalation process for governments to trigger assistances for primary producers and small businesses. This year a special **Package D** has been added with higher grants, concessional loans to \$650,000. All farmers are advised to seek advice before proceeding with applications.*

1. Full NDRRA Package C including Grants up to \$25,000 for small businesses and primary producers for clean up and recovery now available in 44 council regions as follows; Balonne, Banana, Barcaldine, Brisbane, Bundaberg, Burdekin, Cairns, Cassowary Coast, Central Highlands, Charters Towers (part), Cherbourg, Croydon (part), Etheridge, Flinders (part), Fraser Coast, Goondiwindi (part), Gympie, Hinchinbrook, Ipswich, Lockyer Valley, Mackay, Maranoa (part), Moreton Bay, Murweh (part), North Burnett, Palm Island, Tablelands, Townsville, Richmond (part), Rockhampton, Scenic Rim, Somerset, South Burnett, Southern Downs, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Townsville, Western Downs, Whitsunday, Yarrabah. Parts of Blackall-Tambo, Gladstone, Isaac and Woorabinda also have loans and grants available. Applications can be made up to 31 January 2012 through **QRAA freecall 1800 623 946** or online at www.qraa.qld.gov.au NDRRA packages (below) are also available in these regions.

Additionally, there are a range of emergency payments and disaster grants available to all impacted citizens (means tests apply) in NDRRA zones and **Centrelink (13 28 50)** or a **Queensland Community Recovery Centre (1800 173 349)** is best able to advise on eligibility. They can also advise on any deferral arrangements for taxes, rates, utilities, etc.

2. NDRRA B Package offers concessional loans (to \$250,000) and freight subsidies (to \$5,000) to small businesses and primary producers to help re-establish operations in the following additional council regions; Longreach and the part councils above. Applications for loans are handled by **QRAA freecall 1800 623 946** and freight subsidies by **DEEDI 13 25 23**. Farmers are advised to seek independent financial advice before finalising any loan application and a free service is available through 25 Queensland farm financial counselors – ask **DEEDI 13 25 23** for one closest to you.

The means restricted emergency payments and disaster grants noted above may also apply.

3. NDRRA A Package. The first declarations may provide the basic Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP) of \$1000 for impacted citizens. To this has been added a Disaster Income Recovery Subsidy (DIRS) of up to 13 weeks Newstart Allowance for those who have lost income due to these extreme events. Call **180 22 66** to register for these. If there is doubt about your eligibility call **QRAA**, or discuss with **DEEDI 13 25 23** Disaster Relief experts.

4. Other Help. Industry associations and local community groups may offer special assistance. See the QFF Natural Disaster Fact Sheet for additional advice, or call Peter 07 3837 4747 or email peter@qff.org.au
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