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Restock, Replant, Repair

Supporting North Qld flood recovery

NQLIRA & QRIDA disaster recovery update – 26 June 2019



Who is QRIDA?

The Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) is a statutory authority of the Queensland Government.

We administer assistance programs on behalf of Australian and Queensland Government agencies including to businesses for disaster recovery.

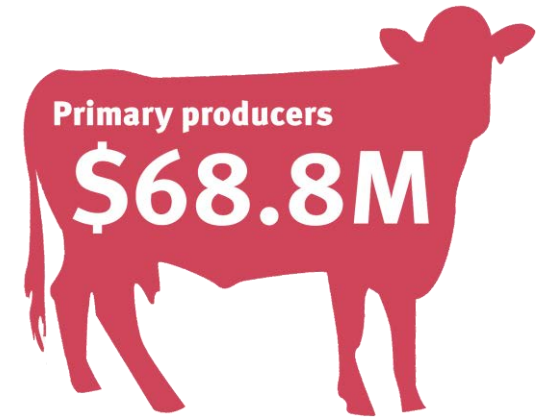
We currently administer a range of financial assistance programs following the **North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough (25 January – 14 February 2019)** event which for primary producers includes:

- Up to \$75,000 grants and up to \$250,000 loans under the **Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements** – jointly funded by the Queensland and Australian Governments.
- Up to \$400,000 co-contribution grants for the **North Qld Livestock Industry Recovery Agency** on behalf of the Australian Government.

Recovery assistance to date

+ Special Disaster Assistance Recovery **Grants**

QRIDA has approved a total of 1,764 recovery grant applications for \$75.9 million.



+ Disaster Assistance **Loans**

QRIDA has approved 39 Disaster Assistance Loans totaling \$5.4 million.



+ North Queensland Restocking, Replanting & On-farm Infrastructure **Grants**

Since the RRI Grant scheme opened on 1 May, QRIDA have approved 15 grants totaling \$4.7 million.

(SDARG approval amount as at 21 June 2019)



North Queensland Restocking, Replanting & On-farm Infrastructure **Grant**

Co-contribution grants of up to \$400,000 are now available to eligible primary production enterprises for:

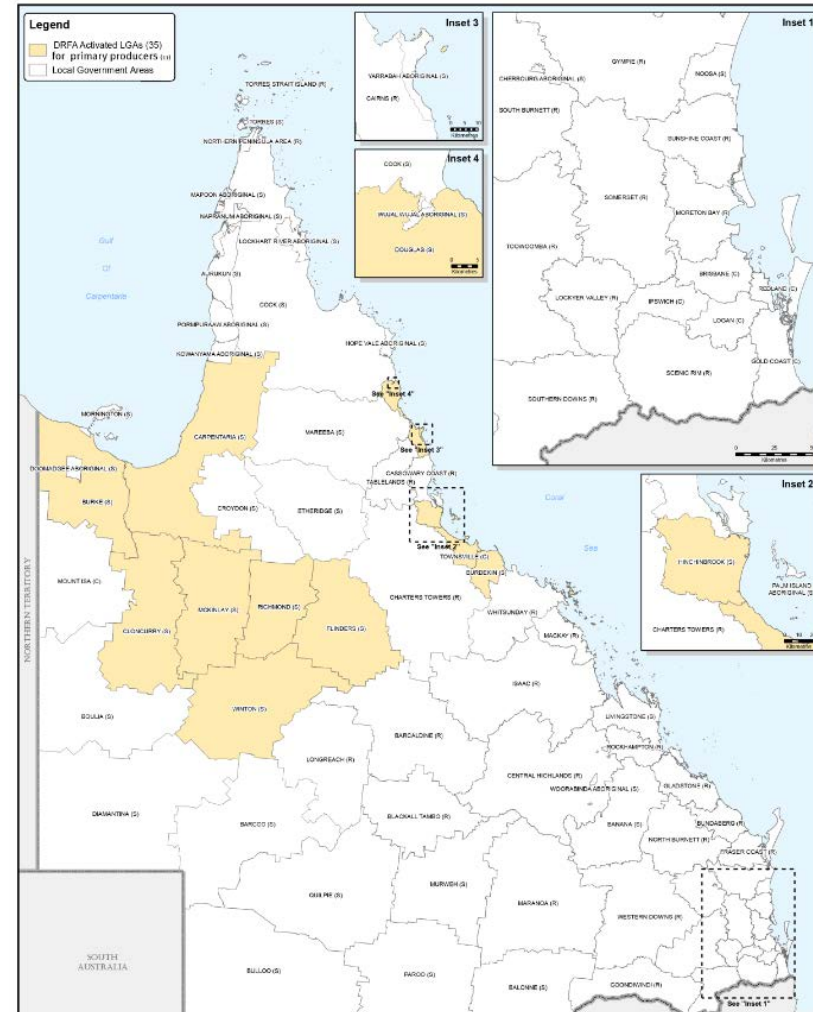
- **Restocking** lost livestock
- **Replanting** lost or damaged crops or permanent plantings
- **Restoring or replacing** lost or damaged on-farm infrastructure.

Eligibility criteria

- 1) Be approved assistance under the *Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grant Scheme* from QRIDA and have utilised the full \$75,000
- 2) Own or operate a primary production enterprise in one of the eleven (11) Local Government Areas (LGAs) activated for this assistance
- 3) Be able to demonstrate the availability of co-contribution funds to match grant funds requested
- 4) Demonstrate the financial viability of your primary production enterprise after receipt of this grant

Your primary production must be located in

- Burdekin Shire Council
- Burke Shire Council
- Carpentaria Shire Council
- Cloncurry Shire Council
- Douglas Shire Council
- Flinders Shire Council
- Hinchinbrook Shire Council
- McKinlay Shire Council
- Richmond Shire Council
- Townsville City Council
- Winton Shire Council



How grants can be used - restocking

Replacing livestock lost as a direct consequence of the disaster event.

You can restock with **another type or class of livestock** (in full or in part) to a level equivalent to where your herd numbers were at prior to the disaster.

For example, switching from a breeder herd to a trade cattle operation, or from cattle to sheep and/or goats or other livestock.

You can also claim for **transport or freight costs** associated with the replacement of livestock, provided you have not been reimbursed for same under another government assistance scheme or charitable organisations.

The *Flood Freight Subsidy Restocking and Agistment Scheme (FFSRA)* is available via the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

How grants can be used - replanting

Replanting crops (and pasture) and/or permanent plantings assessed as being lost or damaged as a direct consequence of the disaster event.

Eligible costs can include:

- removal of damaged crops, plants or trees
- purchase of seed, seedlings or trees
- fuel for planting equipment
- labour and/or contracting expenses required for planting
- associated transport or freight costs.

How grants can be used – repair infrastructure

Replacing or repairing on-farm infrastructure that is assessed as lost or damaged as a direct consequence of the disaster event.

Eligible costs can include:

- plant and equipment
- farm buildings except housing
- yards and fences
- property roads
- dams and irrigation earthworks
- paddock and field restoration
- riverbank restoration (where formal approval given).

Application form has 3 parts

Part A – Your business

- Business details
- Primary production property details
- Statement of assets & liabilities

Part B – Your losses

- Summary of losses
- Insurance
- Freight subsidy

Part C – Proposed use of grant and co-contribution

- Replacement of livestock / replanting
- Replacement of infrastructure
- Special Disaster Recovery Grant details

Application form – co-contribution (Part C)

Co-contribution funding		Total Amount
Funds already expended on restoration/replacement		
Cash held		
Deposit account/s		
Term deposit/s		
Farm Management Deposits		
Other investments		
Borrowings		
Overdraft limit		
New term lending		
QRIDA disaster assistance lending		
Other government disaster assistance lending		
Total co-contribution amount (50%)		
Total grant amount requested (50%)		
Total funding for restoration		

- Here's where you highlight how you will match the grant funding and from which sources
- Total funding should be 50% grant and 50% matched contribution

Frequently asked questions

- What if I haven't used the maximum \$75k grant?
- What if I've already purchased livestock or repaired fences?
- What if I haven't got my co-contribution arranged yet?
- When approved, how will the grant be drawn down?
- Who can help me with my application?

See QRIDA website for more *FAQs*.

Don't self assess – speak to us on **Freecall 1800 623 946**
or email us on **contact_us@qrida.qld.gov.au**

So what's my next steps?

Step 1: Have you been **approved a *Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grant*** from QRIDA and utilised the **full \$75,000** available?

Step 2: Do you have access to a **matched co-contribution**?

Step 3: **Apply now** for up to \$400,000 co-contribution grant funding to restock, replant or restore or replace on-farm infrastructure.

Visit www.qrida.qld.gov.au/400kfloodgrant for details or
Freecall 1800 623 946 to speak to us

Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grant

These grants offer up to a maximum of \$75,000 to assist eligible primary producers with immediate clean-up and reinstatement costs.

Eligible activities can include:

- hiring or leasing equipment or materials to clean premises, property or equipment
- removing and disposing of debris, damaged goods, including injured or dead livestock
- repairing or replacing fencing on the property
- purchasing and transporting fodder or feed for livestock
- replacing livestock
- replacing lost or damaged plants, salvaging crops, repairing or restoring fields
- repairing, reconditioning or replacing essential plant or equipment
- paying additional wages to an employee to assist with clean-up work.

Disaster Assistance **Loan**

These loans provide support to primary producers and small business whose assets have been significantly damaged as a direct result of a natural disaster

Loans can provide funds for restocking, repairs, replanting, day to day operating expenditure and covering cash flow shortfalls

- Loans up to \$250,000 maximum
- 10 year terms, with up to 2 years interest only
- Interest rate 1.37% interest
- No fees and charges

Essential Working Capital **Loan**

These loans provide support to primary producers and small business whose operation has been indirectly impacted by the disaster event.

Loans can provide funds for the cash flow shortfall created by the event.

- Loans up to \$100,000 maximum
- 10 year terms, with up to 2 years interest only
- Interest rate 1.37% interest
- No fees and charges

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