

Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements event Western Downs Bushfires, 30 January – 24 March 2023 (V3)



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 Western Downs region affected by recent bushfire activity occurring between 30 January 2023 and 24 March 2023”*

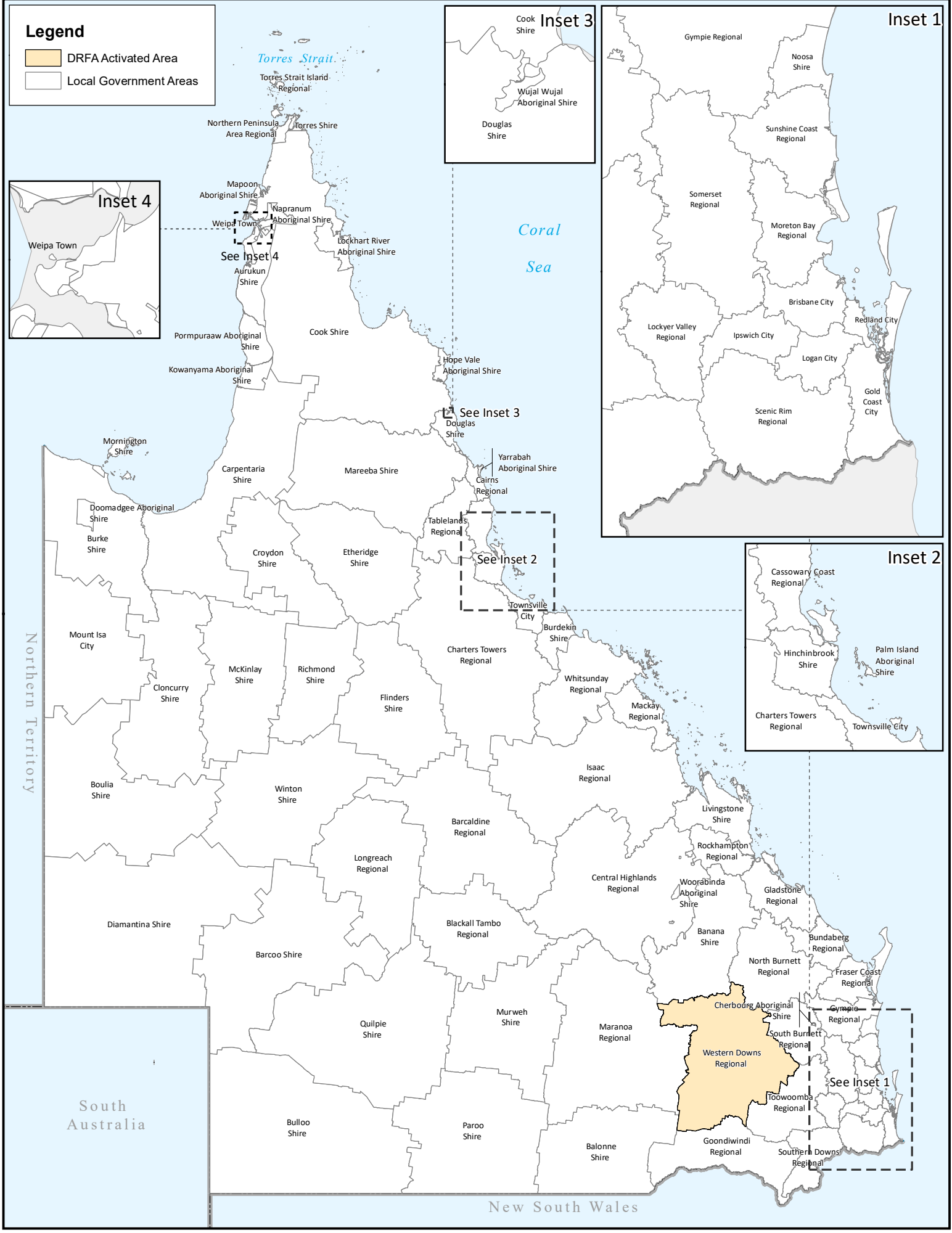
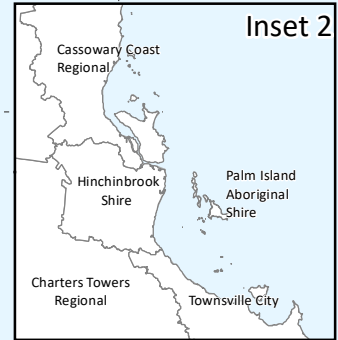
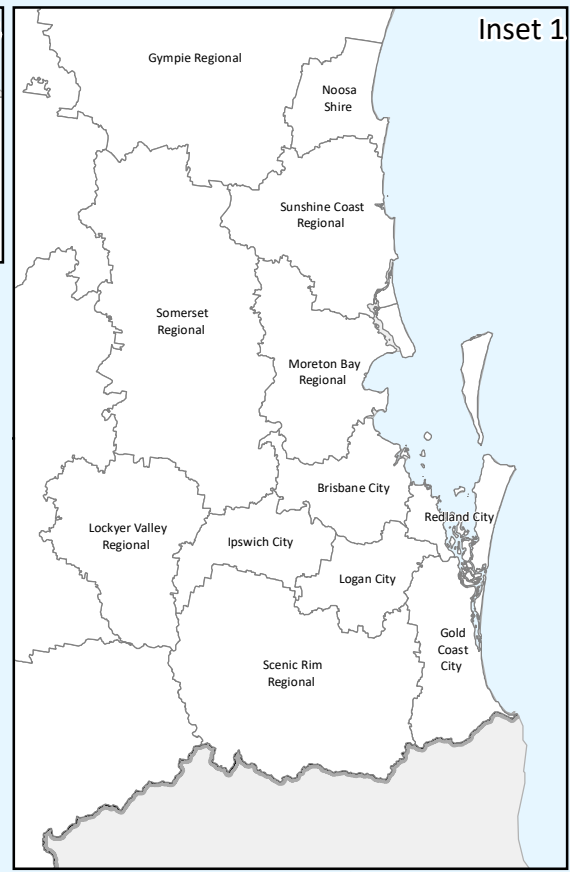
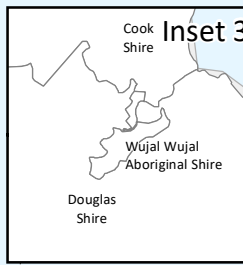
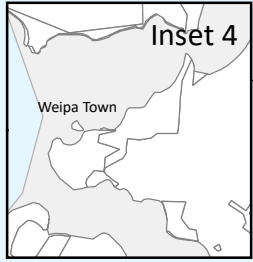
DRFA assistance measures (activated by the Queensland Government)

- Counter Disaster Operations
- Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme
- Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme
- Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets

Local Government Area	Counter Disaster Operations	Personal Hardship Assistance	Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme	Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets
Western Downs Regional Council	14/02/23	14/02/23	14/02/23	14/02/23

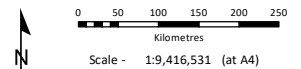
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- DRFA Activated Area
- Local Government Areas



DRFA Activation Summary (V3)

Western Downs Fires 30 January 2023 - 24 March 2023



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DRFA ASSISTANCE MEASURES ACTIVATED

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.gra.qld.gov.au

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

- **Emergency Works**
To assist local and state governments 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 local and state governments to immediately and permanently reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function immediately after the eligible disaster.
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