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**From:** NRRRA - Corporate <NRRRA-Corporate@recovery.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 4:14 PM  
**To:** NEMA - Canberra Office  
**Subject:** 121 Marcus Clarke St - emergency management update [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** 121 MC - L3 - fire exits.pdf; Emergency cheat sheet - 121 Marcus Clarke St.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Now the Agency is colocated at 121 Marcus Clarke St, we have some updates regarding emergency management in the Canberra office.

There are three emergency exits on L3, in the Marcus Clarke St lift foyer, the Childers St lift foyer and in the central services corridor. A floor plan is attached for your reference.

We have also attached an emergency cheat sheet, which includes the names and locations of the current First Aid Officers and Wardens and a map of the assembly area, which is on the far side of the child care centre.

With the increase to the tenancy and the addition of new functions we are going to complete an update of all Warden and First Aid Officer positions. If you are interested in becoming a first aid officer, floor warden or warden please email [NRRRA-Corporate@recovery.gov.au](mailto:NRRRA-Corporate@recovery.gov.au) by Tuesday 20th July. Existing position holders are invited to re-apply.

As part of the 101 Masterclass program, an emergency evacuation procedures session will be held on Tuesday, 3 August. Further information regarding this session will be circulated in the coming weeks.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the [Corporate Team](#).

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**Subject:** 2021-22 Performance Information [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
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**Start:** Wed 14/07/2021 2:00 PM  
**End:** Wed 14/07/2021 2:30 PM  
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**Recurrence:** (none)

**Organizer:** s22  
**Resources:** MR-121MC-L3-Board Room

Good afternoon everyone

Under the PGPA Act, the Agency is required to develop performance information to measure our performance against our purpose. This information is published in the Corporate Plan and reported against in the Annual Performance Statement.

s22 has asked that we all meet and discuss the proposed 2021-22 performance information.

As background, please find attached:

- The 2021-22 performance information consultation pack
- NRRRA template performance information

Hope you can join us – video conference details below.

Any questions, please contact s22 or s22.

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**From:** Media <media@recovery.gov.au>  
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**To:** Media (NEMA)  
**Cc:** Media (NEMA)  
**Subject:** Afternoon Media Summary - Monday 12 July 2021 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon,

Please find below a summary of the latest Agency related news.

**Media Enquiries**

Nil

**Social media****Bermagui Pre-school receives nearly \$500K in Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Funding - [Facebook](#)**

Bermagui Pre-school on the NSW South Coast, recently received \$476,252 in Bushfire Local Economic Recovery funding to create a therapy and counselling room for its students and families. The project aims to provide much needed mental health support for regional areas and to strengthen the wellbeing of the community, including vulnerable children and their families.

**Climate Service for Ag Webinar – [Facebook](#)**

Queensland Dry Tropics farmers & farm business advisers, here's your chance to let the Bureau of Meteorology and CSIRO know how climate information influences your on-farm decisions, and help shape their new ag climate tool. Funded through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund, the \$10 million Climate Services for Agriculture platform will bring historical climate information and future climate projections in one location.

**Recovery Support Officer at the SeedLab Tasmania Second Harvest - [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#)**

Our Tassie Recovery Support Officer **s22** recently attended SeedLab Tasmania's Second Harvest in Penguin, NW Tasmania 🌱 Supported by the Australian Government's Incubator Support Initiative funding as a part of the Entrepreneurs' Programme, SeedLab has already provided practical training and hands-on assistance to 105 businesses.

**Media Releases and Transcripts**

Nil

**News****[Flood leaves tragedy in wake](#)****Benalla Ensign and Shepparton News**

Victorian **s22** farm was impacted by major flooding of the Thomson River and Rainbow Creek. Fifty of their heifers were swept away – half their herd replacement numbers. The article mentions that they contacted the Rural Financial Counselling Service and there is no funding available yet.

**ABC Wide Bay**

Segment with Recovery Support Officer, s22

Announcer s22 chats to National Recovery and Resilience Agency Recovery Support Officer s22 about her involvement with the agency. In this short segment, s22 talks about her time growing up on a family farm.

### Tumut residents welcome \$10 million for disaster safe place

#### **About Regional – s22**

The dual-purpose project has been welcomed by Snowy Valleys residents impacted by the 2019-2020 bushfires. The local mayor James Hayes says it will provide an indoor sports stadium which has sufficient capacity to double as an evacuation centre in times of emergency such as the recent bushfires. A number of projects across the Snowy Valleys LGA were successful in receiving \$13.9 million in funding in the latest round of the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery program, jointly funded by the Federal and NSW governments.

Kind regards,

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**From:** NRRRA - HR <HR@recovery.gov.au>  
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**To:** NRRRA All Staff  
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**Subject:** FOR INFORMATION: Learnhub replacement [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** Acorn FAQs.docx

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Good morning

**New Learning Management System available 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Our current Learning Management System (LMS), LearnHub, will be replaced by Acorn and will be available to all employees from 20th July. Access to the Learning Management System (LMS), LearnHub, will be unavailable on Monday, 19 July to allow setup of our new LMS Acorn. This will allow for a smooth transition and migration of data from LearnHub to Acorn.

We hope the replacement will be a smooth transition. Acorn is the same software as Learnhub and is also delivered by the same provider, Pursuit Technology.

On Acorn you can:

- Access and register for training courses and eLearning programs through the course catalogue or calendar,
- view your training history and compliance with mandatory training, and
- access data and run reports for any of your direct reports.

**How does this impact me?**

While you may notice some differences such as the name, logo and domain name, Acorn will look and feel the same as Learnhub.

We do not anticipate any disruption or changes to your access or training history. All content, data and reports will migrate over from LearnHub to Acorn.

If you've used LinkedIn Learning on Learnhub, this feature is not currently available on Acorn and will be added to Acorn in late 2021.

**How do I access Acorn?**

Acorn will continue to be accessed from the Apps section of the Intranet via the Single Sign On (SSO) service. If you have previously saved the Learnhub link as a shortcut/favourite, will need to update the URL to the Acorn version once Acorn goes live. If you are accessing Acorn for the first time you will be required to select which network you are using. All NRRRA employees should select "PM&C Protected Network".

FAQs are attached. If you have any questions, please contact the PM&C [Capability & Development team](#) or call 6271 6000.

The NRRRA People Team



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QUESTION	ANSWER
<p><b>Why are we moving from LearnHub to Acorn?</b></p>	<p>The shared services arrangement with PM&amp;C has allowed us to use LearnHub as our Learning Management System (LMS). This is due to cease in mid-2021. Until a Whole of Government LMS becomes available in late 2022, Acorn has been selected as the interim new platform as it will look and feel essentially the same. From a user perspective, you should notice very little difference between the two LMS platforms.</p>
<p><b>When are we moving to Acorn?</b></p>	<p>The new system will go live on 20<sup>th</sup> July. On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July the LMS will NOT be available. This will allow for a smooth transition and migration of data from Learnhub to Acorn.</p>
<p><b>How do I sign onto Acorn?</b></p>	<p>You will still be required to log into Acorn like you did with Learnhub using the Single Sign On (SSO) option. This means you do not need manual login details or a password.</p> <p><u>Accessing Acorn for the first time</u> will require you to select which network you are using. All PM&amp;C and NRRA employees should select "PM&amp;C Protected Network".</p> <p>Please contact the PM&amp;C <a href="#">Capability and Development</a> team if you have any questions or issues logging in to Acorn.</p>
<p><b>Will I keep my current access and permissions?</b></p>	<p>Yes. All current LMS Administrators, Facilitators, Content Creators and Reporting Officers will maintain their existing access and permissions.</p>

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<p><b>Will LinkedIn Learning still be available?</b></p>	<p>The LinkedIn Learning feature, which contains a variety of online instructional videos, is not currently available on Acorn. We expect that LinkedIn Learning will be added to Acorn in late 2021.</p>
<p><b>Will I lose my training history?</b></p>	<p>No. All training history, compliance with mandatory training and other relevant data currently stored in LearnHub will be migrated over to Acorn. While we do not anticipate any issues, if you do find your training history or data is missing or incomplete when you log into Acorn, please rest assured that the data is not lost. Contact the PM&amp;C <a href="#">Capability and Development</a> team for assistance.</p>
<p><b>Will there be different content or courses?</b></p>	<p>All existing content and courses currently housed on LearnHub will be migrated over to Acorn. While we do not anticipate any issues, if you do find content or courses missing when you log into Acorn, please contact the PM&amp;C <a href="#">Capability and Development</a> team for assistance.</p>
<p><b>Is the new domain name safe?</b></p>	<p>Acorn will be accessed via <a href="https://pmc.acornlms.com.au/">https://pmc.acornlms.com.au/</a> and any auto generated emails, such as an email confirming course registration will come from the <a href="mailto:@pmc.acornlms.com.au">@pmc.acornlms.com.au</a> address. You can be confident that any received auto emails are safe and have been whitelisted (approved) by IT Security.</p>

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**Monday 12 July 2021**

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**Leading Coverage**

Story	Print	Radio	TV	Online	Total
<a href="#">Australia COVID news</a>	98	514	922	2146	3680
<a href="#">Afghanistan withdrawal</a>	63	432	1077	1155	2727
<a href="#">G20: Global corporate tax rate</a>	21	4	42	792	859
<a href="#">NRL 2021</a>	12	0	20	167	199

<a href="#">Government homes for DV victims</a>	3	1	7	169	180
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Good morning, please find below today's key news and events.

To access National and Metro front pages click [here](#).

### Key Insights

- *The Australian* reports that the Federal Government will step in to help support businesses crippled by Sydney's extended lockdown, as health officials expect more than 100 new cases by Monday.
- *The Australian* reports that the Commonwealth has released a "graphic" COVID-19 advertising campaign to push Sydney residents into following the city's lockdown rules and getting vaccinated.
- The *SMH* reports that the era of working five days a week in the office looks to be all but over in Australia, with the nation's biggest employers saying hybrid work models will be entrenched even after the danger of the pandemic has passed.

Trending on Twitter	
#Unity22	Space launch
Djokovic	Tennis player
#VirginGalactic	Virgin Galactic
Kevin Rudd	Former AU PM
Chan	Korean pop

### COVID-19 Monday Morning Summary

- Globally there are 425,928 reported new COVID-19 infections with 7,514 further deaths. The global aggregate is currently 187,246,612 reported infections, 171,226,005 recoveries, 4,042,597 deaths and 78,316 cases are considered serious or critical.
- NSW recorded its highest daily caseload since April last year as a woman in her nineties became the first person to die from locally acquired COVID-19 this year. NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian warned that Sydney's outbreak would get worse before it gets better. State and Federal Government assistance is expected to be announced in the next couple of days, and the NSW state government has been pushing the Commonwealth government to make workers outside greater Sydney eligible for weekly disaster payments.
- As the Delta variant cases continue to surge in Sydney, the Federal Government will step in to help support businesses crippled by Sydney's extended lockdown, with

health officials expecting more than 100 new cases by Monday. Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Treasurer Josh Frydenberg held a phone call with NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and state Treasurer Dominic Perrottet on Sunday to discuss a joint financial assistance package for businesses that will be devastated by the prolonged shutdown.

- Premier Gladys Berejiklian stated that her government could not predict when Sydney's lockdown will end as NSW braces for at least 100 new coronavirus cases today as the state recording its first COVID-19 death this year. The death of an unvaccinated woman in her 90s prompted Chief Health Officer Kerry Chant to urge anyone awaiting their second dose of AstraZeneca to consider having it at six weeks rather than 12 weeks.
- The Victorian Government has closed its border to NSW, and it could remain closed for weeks amid a growing COVID-19 outbreak. Border confusion began on Sunday, with travellers from NSW safe zones who'd tested negative days earlier mistakenly told they must quarantine for a fortnight. The nation's chief medical officer has declared that the Commonwealth did not support a hard border closure.
- Extra police have been deployed to the border with NSW after the Victorian Government closed it from midnight to all residents from NSW and the ACT to protect the state against the highly infectious Delta variant. Non-residents were barred from entering Victoria from NSW and the ACT, while Victorian residents can return but they must quarantine at home for 14 days. Victoria's public health team has grown increasingly concerned about the deepening coronavirus crisis in NSW.
- South Australia's management of COVID-19 has been labelled "top of the class" compared to other states, with a new independent report showing that South Australians have spent the least time in lockdown. South Australia is the only mainland state not to experience a lockdown so far this year.
- As Sydney's COVID-19 crisis escalates, authorities are pleading for Territorians travelling around regional New South Wales to return home immediately. The NT government revoked its hotspot declaration for the City of Brisbane and Moreton Bay Region as of 5pm on Sunday, although restrictions for people who visited exposure sites remain.
- The ARL Commission is set to relocate 12 NRL teams to three separate southeast Queensland hubs in a bid to ensure the competition continues. The commission held an emergency meeting on Sunday afternoon where the decision was made to relocate the nine Sydney clubs, as well as Newcastle, Canberra and the Warriors, amid ongoing concern about the number of COVID-19 cases in Sydney.
- The NRL feared it could have been shut down by the NSW Government if it didn't move the competition immediately. On Sunday night, the NRL hinted to clubs that they would be unlikely to return home unless there was minimal or no COVID-19

transmission in NSW, locking in a minimum of a month on the road. The cost to relocate is around \$13 million a month.

- Mars Stadium has emerged as the clear favourite ahead of Geelong's GMHBA Stadium for the Giants–Sydney clash next Saturday after Victoria shut its borders to NSW and the ACT. The Victorian Government made the declaration at 4pm on Sunday, as NSW-based clubs remain in the state for an extended period due to the COVID crisis.
- Staff shortages are preventing the creation of new MIQ spaces or a permanent, purpose-built quarantine facility. The shortages have hampered repeated attempts to find alternatives to hotel-based managed isolation due to the risk of a devastating community outbreak of COVID-19. Debates over how and when New Zealand should reopen its borders to the rest of the world continue as the global vaccination rollout gathers pace.
- A fishing boat carrying two people infected with COVID-19 will dock in Wellington. The deep-sea fishing boat carrying 20 people is due to dock at Queens Wharf in Wellington today. Customs said that a "perimeter fencing will cordon off the area where the Viking Bay will dock to remove public access, with the authorities stepping up security at the wharf and on-water patrols".

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## PM&C Portfolio Issues 1 item



### Caught between perceptions and ALP doing a Bradbury

The Australian by Joe Kelly Analysis

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Scott Morrison risks losing the next election to a Labor leader seen by a majority of Australians as their second choice. The Coalition has been unable to leverage the booming economic and labour market recovery into a clear lead over...

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## Public Service Issues and the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet 0 items

There is no relevant coverage for 'Public Service Issues and the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet' at this time.

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**COVID-19** 8 items**Berejiklian: brace for much worse****Australian Financial Review (AFR)** by Michael Read

Monday 12 July 2021, 12:00am AEST - Pages 1 and 4

Sydney's COVID-19 outbreak will get worse before it gets better, warns NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian, after the state recorded its highest daily caseload since April last year and a woman in her nineties became the first person to die from...

[VIEW PDF](#)**PM's Covid rescue mission****The Australian** by Stephen Rice Greg Brown

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■ FEDERAL LIFELINE FOR BUSINESSES ■ CASES EXPECTED TO TOP 100  
■ VICTORIA CLOSES BORDER Morrison's virus rescue mission The federal government will step in to help support businesses crippled by Sydney's extended lockdown - set to stretch for weeks...

[VIEW PDF](#)**Shock tactics to scare city into submission****The Australian** by Sophie Elsworth Richard Ferguson

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Shock tactics to scare city into submission The commonwealth has released a "graphic" Covid-19 advertising campaign to push Sydneysiders into following the city's lockdown rules and getting vaccinated. The new advert is one of two campaigns being rolled out as...

[VIEW PDF](#)**News more nuanced than its critics admit****The Australian** by Chris Mitchell

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"Split over go-slow Gladys". "\$3 billion bungle". These were the page one headlines on The Australian and The Daily Telegraph last Thursday, the day after NSW extended its lockdown of greater Sydney by a week. Not that professional Murdoch haters...

[VIEW PDF](#)**Over 60s told to seek earlier second dose****The Sydney Morning Herald** by Josh Dye

Monday 12 July 2021, 12:00am AEST - Page 8

State and federal health authorities are urging older people who have had their first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine to bring forward their second dose after a woman in her 90s, believed to be unvaccinated, died with COVID-19. Hers was...

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## Albanese implores pursuit of Pfizer via US connections

**The Sydney Morning Herald** by David Crowe

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The federal government is being urged to use Australia's friendship with the United States to secure supplies of the Pfizer vaccine instead of relying totally on Europe, which has so far shipped about 4.4 million doses to Australia. Labor leader...

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## Joint warning on aged care rollout

**The Sydney Morning Herald** by Nick Bonyhady

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Aged care unions and providers will use a private meeting with the federal Health Minister and coronavirus taskforce commander to say care for the elderly risks being compromised if nursing home staff are not vaccinated before it is mandatory. Aged...

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## General confusion: who is John Frewen, and what is his role in Australia's vaccine rollout?

**The Guardian** by Amy Remeikis

Sunday 11 July 2021, 6:00am AEST

An increasingly public role for the Lt Gen as the face, and uniform, of the beleaguered program begs the question: why call in the military?

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## Agriculture, Water and Environment 7 items

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## China rides on our sheep's back as farmers anticipate bumper season

**Australian Financial Review (AFR)** by Brad Thompson

Monday 12 July 2021, 12:00am AEST - Pages 1 and 6

Despite trade embargoes and a diplomatic deep freeze, there is an Australian export which is being warmly welcomed in the Chinese market. And it is not iron ore, which is booming anyway. It is the product which iron ore replaced...

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## FARMERS AND MINERS PUT NATS IN A BIND

**Australian Financial Review (AFR)** by Aaron Patrick

Monday 12 July 2021, 12:00am AEST - Pages 36 and 37

Politics Barnaby Joyce will determine his and his party's future at an uncertain time for two key segments of their traditional constituency, writes Aaron Patrick. Nationals MP Darren Chester's electorate in Gippsland, Victoria, has more nurses than farmers. Being identified...

[VIEW PDF](#)**Pickers on miserly pay forage for food in bins****The Australian** by Ewin Hannan

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Farm workers have resorted to "dumpster diving" for food when supermarkets close because the low pay they get for picking fruit leaves them struggling to pay rent and bills. Visa workers have made sworn statements to the Fair Work Commission...

[VIEW PDF](#)**The reef is not fine and nor is it dying; truth is inbetween****The Australian** by Paul Hardisty

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In 2019, the Australian Institute of Marine Science issued its annual long-term monitoring report on the state of the Great Barrier Reef, entitled Mixed Bill of Health for the Reef, reflecting the fact that while some parts of the reef...

[VIEW PDF](#)**New calls for a national roo management plan****The Canberra Times** by Andrew Brown

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LEADING conservationists have urged the federal government to merge state and territory plans that manage rampant kangaroo numbers into a unified national scheme. The proposal was put to federal Agriculture Minister David Littleproud and then-local government minister Mark Coulton by...

[VIEW PDF](#)**Time to deliver promised funding for First Nations water in Murray-Darling Basin, says Labor****ABC News** by Kath Sullivan

Sunday 11 July 2021, 7:26am AEST

The federal opposition says any plan to re-direct government funding promised to Aboriginal Australians to buy water would be "incredibly paternalistic".

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## Morrisons writes to reassure anxious UK farmers over US takeover

**The Guardian** by Joanna Partridge  
Monday 12 July 2021, 1:56am AEST

CEO's letter to 3,000 suppliers reaffirms grocer's unique dealings with British agriculture

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## Adopt any pronoun you like, but leave laws alone

**The Australian** by Peter Craven  
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Last week, a 23-year-old student, Bonnie Logan, attracted some notable supporters in her campaign to have all legal language amended so that it is gender neutral. The Monash student wants the word "he" replaced in all legislation by "they". She...

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## Lawyers warn of conflict between ACT and federal law

**The Canberra Times** by Lucy Bladen  
Monday 12 July 2021, 12:00am AEST - Page 15

A CONFLICT between Commonwealth and ACT laws could be raised over a proposed drug decriminalisation bill due to the seriousness of some drugs included in the bill such as ice, lawyers have said. A push to decriminalise small amounts of...

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### Defence and Defence Industry 5 items

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## National day to honour troops' great sacrifice

**The Australian** by Adeshola Ore  
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Australian troops who served in Afghanistan and Iraq will be honoured with a national day of commemoration, as the federal government confirmed the nation's longest war was officially over. The Australian understands Governor-General David Hurley proposed the idea to Scott...

[VIEW PDF](#)**ADF could go back to Afghanistan if needed: Dutton**

**The Sydney Morning Herald** by David Crowe Chief Political Correspondent

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The federal government is prepared to send Australian soldiers back to Afghanistan if needed to prevent terrorist threats, Defence Minister Peter Dutton has declared after confirming the withdrawal of troops in recent weeks. Mr Dutton raised the possibility of deploying...

[VIEW PDF](#)**Troops warned for taking rollout into own hands**

**The Canberra Times** by Harley Dennett

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HALF of Defence personnel have received their first COVID-19 vaccine but members are warning mixed messaging and shortages have complicated the rollout with some taking matters into their own hands. All Defence personnel were originally slated to be given the...

[VIEW PDF](#)**VETS ASK 'WHAT WAS THE POINT?'**

**The Daily Telegraph** by Clare Armstrong

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AUSTRALIA'S sacrifice in Afghanistan has been in vain and the war there has achieved nothing, some veterans and their families fear, as the Taliban quickly reclaims territory amid the allied force's withdrawal. The final six Australian soldiers in Afghanistan have...

[VIEW PDF](#)**AUSTRALIA'S LONGEST WAR IS FINALLY OVER**

**The West Australian** by Gary Ramage Kabul

Monday 12 July 2021, 12:00am AWST - Pages 14 and 15

After 20 long years in Afghanistan the six remaining Australian troops in Kabul departed yesterday to little pomp or ceremony There was no marching band, no pomp and no ceremony as the six remaining Australian soldiers left Afghanistan. After 20...

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There is no relevant coverage for 'Digital Government' at this time.

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## Education, Skills and Employment 2 items

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### **Murdoch Uni in crisis as regulator questions deficiencies**

**Australian Financial Review (AFR)** by Julie Hare

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Staff at Western Australia's Murdoch University say its chancellor should publicly outline a strategy for renewal after the federal higher education regulator put the institution on a short leash for failing to prove it could sufficiently manage deficiencies in quality...

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### **Businesses ready to retire the five-day office week**

**The Sydney Morning Herald** by Exclusive Emma Koehn

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The era of working five days a week in the office looks to be all but over in Australia, with the nation's biggest employers saying hybrid work models will be entrenched even after the danger of the pandemic has passed....

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## Finance 6 items

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### **Feds stump up for desperate NSW**

**Australian Financial Review (AFR)** by Jennifer Hewett

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NSW's great COVID-19 unravelling means the Morrison government is about to stump up large sums of federal money to avoid even greater political and economic carnage in the country's biggest state. Treasurer Josh Frydenberg dismissed NSW's request for a return...

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### **Cost of Sydney lockdown may stretch to \$7b**

**Australian Financial Review (AFR)** by Ronald Mizen

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## **Business ready for the rollout, but challenges ahead**

**The Australian** by Cliona O'dowd

Monday 12 July 2021, 12:00am AEST - Pages 13 and 16

Business will eventually face practical issues around how to approach some employees holding out over Covid vaccinations, but for now employers were focused on encouraging workers to have the job, according to one of the nation's leading bank executives. Commonwealth...

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## **Federal funds to flow for lockdowns**

**The Sydney Morning Herald** by David Crowe Chief Political Correspondent

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More financial support will flow within days to households suffering from extended lockdowns in a federal move to overhaul disaster payments and prepare for restrictions that run for weeks. The new assistance will offer help to NSW residents forced to...

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## **G-20 finance ministers back plan to close tax havens**

**The Sydney Morning Herald** by David Mc Hugh; Ap, With Staff Reporters

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Top finance officials representing most of the world's economy have backed a sweeping revision of international taxation that includes a 15 per cent global minimum corporate levy to deter big companies from resorting to lowrate tax havens. Finance ministers from...

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## **Federal government considers further assistance for states and territories during Covid outbreaks**

**The Guardian** by Amy Remeikis

Sunday 11 July 2021, 3:02pm AEST

Morrison government pressed to provide more financial support as Sydney faces a month in lockdown

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## Foreign Affairs and Trade 3 items

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### Freight delays, price rises to hit consumers over Christmas peak

**Australian Financial Review (AFR)** by Lucas Baird

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Consumers face significant delays and price hikes for imported goods ahead of the Christmas rush, as the freight industry warns tough new international arrival caps could force airlines flying cargo to consider pulling out of the Australian market. The Morrison...

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### Indonesia gets US vaccines, as Tehan reroutes

**Australian Financial Review (AFR)** by Emma Connors; Natalia Santi

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Singapore/Jakarta The Indonesian government will give 1.47 million health workers booster shots using Moderna vaccines donated by the United States, but most Indonesians have no choice but to continue to rely on the less-effective Sinovac vaccine as the virus rages...

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### Tehan heading to Asia, US for trade talks

**The Canberra Times** by Colin Brinsden

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TRADE Minister Dan is embarking on a two-week official trip with-stop offs across Asia and the US, countries that take around a quarter of Australia's exports of goods and services. Mr Tehan said the purpose of the trip is to...

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## Gender Issues 2 items

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### Morrison slides as women turn away

**The Australian** by Joe Kelly

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Morrison slides as women turn away Scott Morrison has suffered a 10point slide in his approval rating led by women and resource state voters as the election contest is reshaped by pandemic politics, the management of Australia's economic recovery and...

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## Reality-TV show sure to outrage

**The Age** by Kerrie O'Brien

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Treatment for a new TV drama. Synopsis: Short, five-scene tele-movie, shot with a minimal cast. Scene 1: A young female staffer is raped by a colleague at Parliament House. Unlike most workplaces, there is no code of conduct in place...

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## Health, Aged Care and Sport 4 items

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### Hunt downplays Rudd's Pfizer 'intervention'

**The Australian** by Jess Malcolm

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Former prime minister Kevin Rudd in a "private capacity" lobbied the chief executive of Pfizer, Albert Bourla, to accelerate the delivery of Covid-19 vaccines to Australia. The ABC reported those representations, made in June, came after a senior Australian business...

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### Fast-track vaccination or accept life in lockdown

**The Australian** by Greg Sheridan

Monday 12 July 2021, 12:00am AEST - Pages 4 and 5

There is no rational alternative to the lockdown policies, or some version of them, that Gladys Berejiklian is pursuing. Without vaccines, all policy towards serious, plague-style infectious diseases is the same - isolation. The very word quarantine comes from the...

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### The ethical dilemma posed by vax 'objectors'

**The Australian** by Claire Lehmann

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In 1885, Montreal suffered an outbreak of smallpox that would go on to kill more than 3000 people, which was at the time around 2 per cent of its population. During the outbreak, an eccentric physician known as Dr Alexander...

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### Senior business figures turned to former PM Kevin Rudd to intervene in bringing forward Australia's Pfizer vaccine supply

**ABC News** by By

Sunday 11 July 2021, 7:19pm AEST

Former prime minister Kevin Rudd contacted Pfizer chairman and chief executive Albert Bourla directly at the end of June to see if anything could be done to expedite the delivery of vaccines to Australia.

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## Home Affairs 1 item



### 'Censusfail' hangs over Australian Bureau of Statistics as it prepares for 2021 survey

**The Guardian** by Josh Taylor

Sunday 11 July 2021, 6:00am AEST

Statistics agency has rebuilt its cyber security 'from ground up' to prevent repeat of 2016 census debacle, when its website was breached

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## Services Australia and Social Services 1 item



### 17,000 homes 'needed for abuse victims'

**The Age** by Jennifer Duke

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A surge in domestic violence cases during the coronavirus pandemic has prompted calls for the federal government to pour billions of dollars into social housing to close a shortfall of almost 17,000 homes for women fleeing abuse. Spending \$7.6 billion...

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## Indigenous Affairs 1 item



### Indigenous academics warn Australian brands not to over-commercialise NAIDOC week

**ABC News**

Sunday 11 July 2021, 7:33am AEST

NAIDOC Week is now a firm date in the corporate calendar, but Indigenous academics and artists warn that support for Indigenous Australians cannot be tokenistic.

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## Industry, Science, Energy and Resources 4 items



### **Australia increasingly reliant on China's iron ore demand**

**Australian Financial Review (AFR)** by Ronald Mizen

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Escalating political tensions between Canberra and Beijing have done little to dampen the value of exports, with China accounting for more than 40 per cent of goods shipped in May, on the back of record demand for iron ore. The...

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### **Plea to Pitt to 'pull the trigger' on gas exports**

**The Australian** by Greg Brown Perry Williams

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Resources Minister Keith Pitt has been formally asked to consider capping gas exports by a major union and a leading industry group, with claims the nation's manufacturing comeback was "in danger of being jeopardised by high gas prices". In a...

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### **Climate recalcitrant balks at mates' rates for cutting carbon**

**The Sydney Morning Herald** by Marian Wilkinson

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Crunch time looms for Scott Morrison as the world looks to Australia to act on emissions, writes Marian Wilkinson. Professor Lesley Hughes doesn't get a lot of invitations from the Morrison government to sit at the top table. The high-profile...

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### **Miners put \$122b into economy**

**The West Australian** by Danielle Le Messurier

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WA mining and resources companies injected almost \$122 billion into Australia's economy in the 2019-20 financial year through direct and flow-on spending, helping create 309,000 full-time jobs during COVID-19. The figures, from WA's peak resources industry body, revealed the extent...

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## Infrastructure, transport, Regional Development and Communications 2

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### ACCC to cast eagle eye over Sydney Airport bid

**Australian Financial Review (AFR)** by Jenny Wiggins

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The competition watchdog will take "an extremely close" look at a \$22 billion takeover bid for Sydney Airport if it proceeds, chairman Rod Sims said as airlines raised fears that the proposed new owners would jack up fees, which could...

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## National Bushfire Recovery Agency 0 items

There is no relevant coverage for 'National Bushfire Recovery Agency' at this time.

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## Trade, Tourism and Investment 3 items



### Business pushes for travel bubble with China, HK

**Australian Financial Review (AFR)** by Michael Smith Afr

Correspondent

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Australian business leaders in Asia are alarmed at the Morrison government's lack of a clear plan for quarantine-free travel for vaccinated expatriates and foreign students, warning it will undermine ties with regional economies. With the Sydney outbreak triggering a cut...

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## MPs rally to reopen stalled cruise industry

**The Australian** by Lisa Allen

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Veteran federal MP Warren Entsch is leading the charge for an accelerated re-start of the multibillion-dollar cruise industry, garnering support from both sides of the political divide. Cruising forms part of the economic lifeblood of Far North Queensland, and the...

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## Trans-Tasman bubble is trans-Tasman trouble

**The Canberra Times**

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NEW Zealand's heightened sensitivity to COVID-19 is undoubtedly driving a tightening of the trans-Tasman bubble. Jacinda Ardern's government is making no apologies for its safety-first mantra, as it prioritises keeping the virus and in particular the feared Delta variant out...

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## Treasury, Revenue and Financial Services 2 items



### Tax crackdown on gig economy workers

**Australian Financial Review (AFR)** by Tom Mc Ilroy

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Food delivery, ride-sharing and shortterm accommodation platforms are set to be included in a new anti-tax avoidance reporting scheme, with the federal government pushing ahead on new rules from next year. Tax reporting obligations for the sharing economy will be...

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### There is no wages case for a permanent cut to immigration

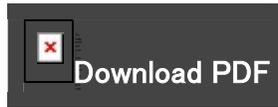
**Australian Financial Review (AFR)** by Roland Rajah

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Workforce RBA governor Philip Lowe makes a reasonable point about the short-term suppression of wages in some industries. But long-run evidence shows that migration lifts demand for workers. Australia's closed borders mean net immigration has gone into reverse, with more...

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## National Recovery and Resilience Agency Daily Media Report

### Monday 12 July 2021

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### Major Stories 1 item



#### Disaster Dashboard extended

##### Town & Country

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ACCESS to an online tool that provides real-time information to help residents and visitors to the Hunter and Mid Coast, regions in emergencies has been extended until the end of next year. Disaster Dashboards, was developed by Resilience NSW, with...

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## Drought and drought assistance measures 1 item

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### ABC Darwin Darwin

**A Big Country with Cath McAloon** Once a week, 1:30pm to 2:00pm  
11 July 2021, 1:37pm ACST

Mentions "soil" and "drought".

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## North Queensland flood and flood assistance measures 1 item

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### ABC News Australia

**ABC News Regional** 6 times a week, 6:30am to 7:00am  
Sunday 11 July 2021, 6:38am AEST

Johanna marie, abc news, bundaberg. More than two years after floods devastated outback queensland, farmers and conservation groups are still trying to repair the environmental damage.

The 2019 floods killed more than the environmental damage. The 2019 floods killed more than half a million head of livestock and caused inland erosion that could rival cyclone damage to a beachfront.

The flinders river inundated north west queensland for weeks, but a short, sharp burst of rain near its headwaters almost claimed the homestead. almost claimed the homestead. I estimated at the time that we had six hours.

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## Disaster response, relief and recovery 1 item

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### Infrastructure grants available for groups

#### Town & Country

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STATE government funding to support local community projects under the Infrastructure Grants program has opened. While the impacts of COVID-19 are still being widely felt, support for struggling community organisations will remain a priority for this latest round, Member for...

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## 2021 eastern Australia flood and assistance measures 1 item

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### Floods deplete sea stables

**Newcastle Herald** by By Ellie Marie Watts

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A DIVE off Fly Point on his first holiday to Port Stephens in 1997 became a defining moment in David Harasti's life; during his underwater exploration he spotted a White's Seahorse. Mr Harasti is now the senior research scientist at...

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## National Bushfire Recovery 9 items

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### Sparks fly on KI work

**The Advertiser** by Gabriel Polychronis

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THE state government has been blasted by the opposition for only spending less than half of the \$20m slated for bushfire recovery projects on Kangaroo Island so far, amid concerns there aren't enough tourism experiences operating to cope with a...

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### Bushfire recovery grant for beekeepers

**Country Leader**

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BEEKEEPERS are set to benefit from a Federal Government grant designed to help the industry rebuild after bushfires and drought. The Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC) has welcomed the announcement of a \$600,000 Federal Government grant to help the...

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### Bushfire grants

**Town & Country**

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GUIDELINES for remaining bushfire recovery grants are now available. The Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management, David Littleproud, said that \$280 million worth of grants will be on offer. "[It's] part of the initial \$2 billion promised by the...

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### Grants for NAIDOC events in the area

## Daily Liberal

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LAST week, NAIDOC events across the Parkes electorate were given a financial boost, with local organisations receiving more than \$38,000 in community grants to help celebrate our rich Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture. A total of 20...

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## Keeping scarce frogs safe from fire threat

### Wangaratta Chronicle

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THE potentially fatal combination of bushfires, flooding and deadly fungal disease has seen critically endangered Spotted Tree Frogs collected from their habitat in North East Victoria for a captive breeding recovery program at Zoos Victoria's Healesville Sanctuary. The Spotted Tree...

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## Rescue mission underway to save endangered native fish

### Wangaratta Chronicle

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ENDANGERED Macquarie Perch have been collected from Dartmouth Dam and released into the Upper Buffalo River, near Dandongadale, to help boost the species following the 2019/20 bushfires in North East Victoria. Four hundred fish were translocated into the Upper Buffalo...

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## Thank you event for Bellingen Riverwatch Volunteers at the Bellingen Community Markets

News Of The Area by News Of The Area - Modern Media

Sunday 11 July 2021, 7:05am AEST

OVER 40 Bellingen Riverwatch volunteers work together to test 30 sites of the Bellingen and Kalang catchments each and every month. This includes testing through the 2019/20 emergency bushfire period, after recent floods, and in the

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## Crookwell rail bikes miss out on funding, \$12 million secured for other projects

About Regional by Hannah Sparks

Sunday 11 July 2021, 12:15pm AEST

A group of rail enthusiasts trying to finance a novel way to explore the historic Goulburn-to-Crookwell railway line in the NSW...

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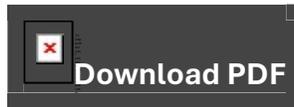
# ABC Adelaide

**ABC News** 7 times a week, 7:00pm to 7:42pm  
Sunday 11 July 2021, 7:14pm ACST

Labor has also taken aim at the Government over the Kangaroo Island bushfire recovery, saying more than half of the money allocated to recovery support hasn't been spent. As tourists attractions remain closed.

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**Importance:** High

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Hi all

Please see attached the social media report, web report (including Recovery Connect), and the media & communications dashboard.

Some things worth noting:

**Media & Communications dashboard:**

- Positive stories continue to flow through regional newspapers on the 195 new NSW Bushfire Local Economic Recovery projects that have been funded.
- The announcement of the upcoming funding round for the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grants has also generated lots of positive stories encouraging people to get ready to apply, particularly in the regions.

**Website**

- Around **4,238** visitors this week, almost **80%** of these were first-time visitors.
  - By comparison, **727** people visited bushfirerecovery.gov.au and **342** people visited droughtandflood.gov.au.
- The most popular pages viewed on recovery.gov.au were the Jobs (**274 views**) page and the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants page (**811 clicks**).

**Recovery Connect**

- Around **1,547** people visited Recovery Connect.
  - Of these visitors, **1,326** were new visitors and **221** were return visitors.
- For the month of July, there have been around **1,800** visitors in total.
  - The majority of these visitors have been located in New South Wales (**665**), Victoria (**379**) and Queensland (**379**).

**Social media**

- Our best performing Facebook post was our advertisement of the upcoming NSW What a Relief! tour, which unfortunately has since been postponed due to COVID restrictions. The original post reached around **3.8K people** with over **175 engagements**. We are now letting people know the events will be rescheduled.
- On Twitter, our post on the reform to QLD drought assistance coming into effect end of this year achieved over **1K impressions** and was retweeted by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Queensland.
- Our LinkedIn continues to be the fastest growing platform, gaining **71 followers** just this week, with our posts receiving around **2K impressions** with a **7% engagement rate**.





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# Website analytics report

For the period 02 July – 08 July 2021



# How did the NRRRA website perform this week?

Around **4,238 people** visited [recovery.gov.au](https://recovery.gov.au) this week, approx. **78.1 per cent** of these were first-time visitors.

The majority of visitors were based in **Australia (89.05 per cent)** and **71.4 per cent** accessed the website from a **desktop device**.

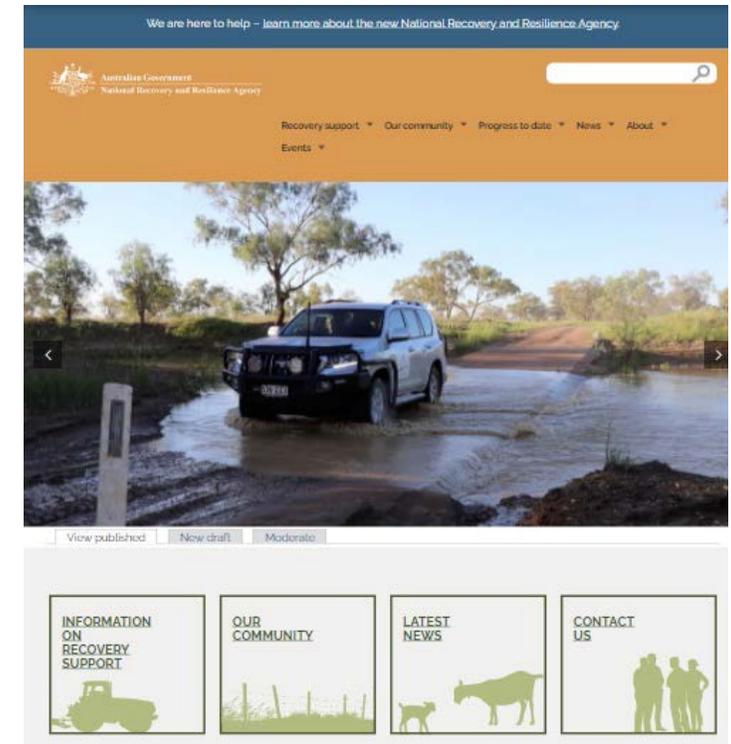
They generally visited the website via **direct acquisition (52.1 per cent)**, meaning they entered the URL directly into the address bar, clicked on a bookmark, or clicked on a link in an email.

People generally stayed for **01m55s** and viewed approx. **2.00 different pages** per session.

Most people left the website by clicking the links to the [BSBR Grants page \(811 clicks\)](#), our [Jobs page \(274 clicks\)](#), or the [Recovery Connect \(73 clicks\)](#).

By comparison, **727 people** visited [bushfirerecovery.gov.au](https://bushfirerecovery.gov.au) and **342 people** visited [droughtandflood.gov.au](https://droughtandflood.gov.au). Given the majority of our audience has not yet moved to the new website, we recommend retaining the websites and reassessing next week based on usage data.

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# How well is Recovery Connect performing?

Around **1,547** people visited [Recovery Connect](#) during this report period (02 – 8 July 2021).

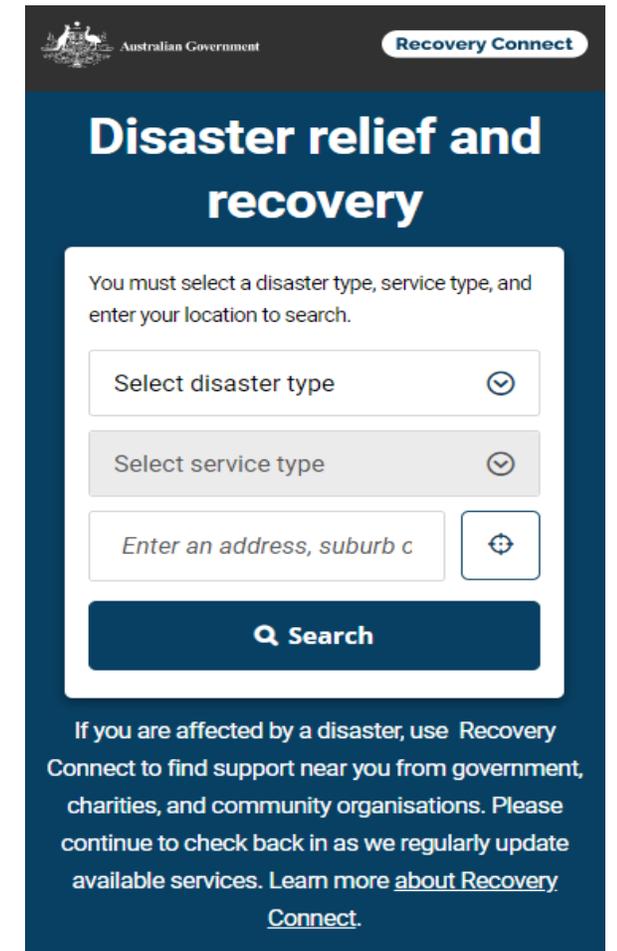
Of these visitors, **1,326** were new and **221** were return visitors.

For the month of June, there have been **1,796** visitors in total.

The majority of visitors during June were located in New South Wales (**665**), Victoria (**379**) and Queensland (**379**).

The 10 most popular pages for July 2021 have thus far been:

- [Home page](#) – 443 visitors
- [COVID-19 drive through testing clinics in Wilston \(QLD\)](#) – 56 visitors
- [404 error](#) – 31 visitors
- [COVID-19 drive through testing clinics in Ashgrove \(QLD\)](#) – 31 visitors
- [COVID-19 drive through testing clinics in Vineyard \(NSW\)](#) – 28 visitors
- [COVID-19 drive through testing clinics in Tullamarine \(VIC\)](#) – 26 visitors
- [Emergency relief in Shepparton \(Victoria\)](#) – 22 visitors
- [COVID-19 drive through testing clinics in Eden's Landing \(QLD\)](#) – 21 visitors
- [Drought relief and recovery](#) – 20 visitors
- [COVID-19 drive through assessment in Strathprine \(QLD\)](#) – 20 visitors



Australian Government **Recovery Connect**

## Disaster relief and recovery

You must select a disaster type, service type, and enter your location to search.

Select disaster type

Select service type

Enter an address, suburb c

**Search**

If you are affected by a disaster, use [Recovery Connect](#) to find support near you from government, charities, and community organisations. Please continue to check back in as we regularly update available services. [Learn more about Recovery Connect.](#)



# Where did people engage with our websites this week?

## recovery.gov.au

The most popular pages were the:

- [Black summer bushfire grants](#) page (1,961 views); and
- the [About](#) page (395 views).

## bushfirerecovery.gov.au

The most popular pages were the:

- [Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants](#) page (312 views); and
- the [Local Area Profiles](#) page (75 views).

## droughtandflood.gov.au

The most popular pages were the

- [Coordinator General](#) page (38 views); and
- the [Regional Recovery Officers](#) page (35 views).

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## Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants

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**The \$280 million Black Summer Bushfire Recovery (BSBR) Grants program will help communities address priorities for recovery and resilience after the 2019-20 bushfires.**

This grants program comes from the National Bushfire Recovery Fund and is additional to support already provided through a range of bushfire recovery programs.

It covers every Local Government Area that was disaster declared as a result of the 2019-20 bushfires.

Community organisations, businesses and local councils can apply.

- Applications will open for submissions on **22 July 2021** and close on **2 September 2021**.
- Successful projects will be announced by the end of 2021.
- You can apply for a grant of between **\$20,000** and **\$10 million**.

Guidelines were released on 1 July, to give communities as much time as possible to think about remaining bushfire recovery needs and to start planning project applications.

[Read the guidelines at the Business Grants Hub](#)

[Applicant support services](#)

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## DATA

- All visitors – **4,238**
- New visitors – **3,644**
  - **78.1%** of all visitors were new
- Page views – **10,876**
- Unique page views – **8,763**
- Page views per session – **2.00**

## LOCATION/TIME

- Traffic locations
  - Australia – **89.05%**
    - NSW – **52.65%**
    - Victoria – **19.96%**
    - WA – **1.40%**
    - ACT/QLD – **N/A**
- Time on website
  - Average session duration – **01m55s**
  - Bounce rate – **54.15%**

## TECHNOLOGY

- Mobile – **25.5%**
- Desktop – **71.4%**
- Tablet – **3.2%**

## TOP SEARCH TERMS

- Recovery website search bar
  - **Jobs**
  - **Paul Gloyne**
  - **Astronomy**
  - **Grants**

## ACQUISITION

- Direct – **52.1%**
- Third-party website – **12.1%**
- Organic search – **17.8%**
- Paid search – **N/A**
- Social – **17.9%**
  - Facebook network – **94.81%**
  - Twitter – **6.40%**
  - LinkedIn – **3.80%**

## TOP CONTENT

- Black summer grants– **1,961 views**
- Home– **1,712 views**
- About– **395 views**
- Project list– **335 views**
- Local area profiles– **320 views**
- Jobs– **370 views**
- Newsletter views – **82**
  - Average time on page – **01m09s**
  - Outbound link clicks – **22**
  - Downloads – **N/A**



# bushfirerecovery.gov.au

## DATA

- All visitors – **727**
- New visitors – **587**
  - **75.4%** of all visitors were new
- Page views – **1,375**
- Unique page views – **1,091**
- Page views per session – **1.61**

## TECHNOLOGY

- Mobile – **21.7%**
- Desktop – **76.2%**
- Tablet – **2.1%**

## ACQUISITION

- Direct – **16.7%**
- Third-party website – **11.5%**
- Organic search – **70.5%**
- Paid search – **N/A**
- Social – **0.4%**
  - Facebook network – **33.33%**
  - Twitter – **66.67%**

## LOCATION/TIME

- Traffic locations
  - Australia – **91.33%**
    - NSW – **56.69%**
    - Victoria – **19.10%**
    - WA – **2.56%**
    - ACT/QLD – **6.62%** (approx)
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  - **Camera trap**
  - **end**
- Google search
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  - Downloads – **0**

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## DATA

- All visitors – **727**
- New visitors – **587**
  - **75.4%** of all visitors were new
- Page views – **1,375**
- Unique page views – **1,091**
- Page views per session – **1.61**

## TECHNOLOGY

- Mobile – **21.7%**
- Desktop – **76.2%**
- Tablet – **2.1%**

## ACQUISITION

- Direct – **16.7%**
- Third-party website – **11.5%**
- Organic search – **70.5%**
- Paid search – **N/A**
- Social – **0.4%**
  - Facebook network – **33.33%**
  - Twitter – **66.67%**

## LOCATION/TIME

- Traffic locations
  - Australia – **91.33%**
    - NSW – **56.69%**
    - Victoria – **19.10%**
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# Glossary

**Session:** The record of a single visitor browsing through the website. It includes an entry page, navigation, and exit pages. Sessions generally end at midnight on the day a session was initiated or after 30 minutes of inactivity.

**Page views:** Counts how many times pages on your site were viewed by visitors. A page view is recorded whenever a full page of your website is viewed or refreshed.

**Unique page views:** Counts a page once even if it was viewed multiple times within a single session. For example, if someone landed on your homepage, then viewed the 'About us' page and then navigated back to your homepage, the homepage would have one unique page view (even though the page was viewed twice during the session).

**Page views per session:** A top-level metric for user engagement showing the average number of page views in each session.

**Bounce rate:** Bounce rate is the percentage of visitors to a particular website who navigate away from the site after viewing only one page. Bounce rate can provide top-level insights about the performance of your content. For example, if you want people to travel on to view a subsequent page on your website, then you can aim to lower your bounce rate.

**Acquisition:** Acquisition refers to the channels visitors use to come through to your site, or how your visits are 'acquired'.

- **Direct:** A visitor arrives directly on your website, without having clicked on a link on another site. For example, they enter the URL directly into the address bar, they have bookmarked your site, or they click on a link contained in an email.
- **Third-party website:** A visitor clicks on a link to your website from a third-party website.
- **Organic search:** A visitor clicks on a free link from a search results page. For example, they click through to your website from a free result on a Google search results page.
- **Paid search:** A visitor comes to your website from an AdWords or other paid search ad.
- **Social:** A visitor arrives on your website from social media, including Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

# Social media snapshot

For the period 2 – 8 July 2021



# Channel overviews

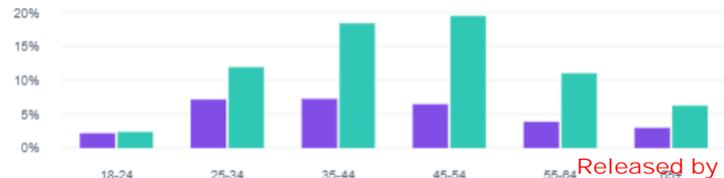
# Facebook

- We have **5,980 Page followers** which is an increase of **35** since the previous week.
- We published **16 posts** during this reporting period, reaching around **18K people** and prompting around **1.1K engagements\***.
- Our highest performing post was our promotion of the upcoming NSW *What a Relief!* Tour - which since, has unfortunately had to be postponed due to COVID restrictions. We have done a follow-up post to advertise the postponement. The original post reached around **3.8K people** with over **175 engagements** on the day of posting.

## Audience

### Age and Gender

Men 30.10%  
Women 69.90%



Sydney, NSW, Australia	594
Canberra, ACT, Australia	501
Melbourne, VIC, Australia	347
Brisbane, QLD, Australia	313
Adelaide, SA, Australia	220

\* Engagements includes clicks, reactions, comments, and shares



# Facebook – most engaging content

Posts:

 National Recovery and Resilience Agency  Published by  · July 6 at 9:54 AM · 

 **Attention NSW:** We are excited to share with you the schedule for the upcoming two week tour of **What a Relief!**

This month, we'll be travelling to eleven venues across eight local government areas. It's been another tough year for many. Community events can help strengthen bonds and improve well-being in the face of major challenges such as natural disasters and associated hardship.

The first event will be kicking off on the 20th July with the tour wrapping up on 1st August. These events are **FREE**, and lots of fun. So come and join us for a laugh 😄 See upcoming dates below. For more info, visit [www.recovery.gov.au/sponsored-events](http://www.recovery.gov.au/sponsored-events)

Rural Adversity Mental Health Program - RAMHP Rotary Australia Narrabri Shire Walgett Shire Council Warren Shire Council Parkes Shire Council Lachlan Shire - The Heart of NSW Gilgandra Shire Council



RECOVERY OUTREACH PROGRAM

# WHAT A RELIEF!

IT'S DAMIAN CALLINAN!

**FREE EVENT**

## DAMIAN CALLINAN ON TOUR!

TUE 20 JUL	SPRING PLAINS COMMUNITY HALL	WED 28 JUL	TRUNDLE MEMORIAL HALL
WED 21 JUL	BURREN JUNCTION SCHOOL OF ARTS	THU 29 JUL	TOTTENHAM MEMORIAL HALL
THU 22 JUL	ROMENA HALL	FRI 30 JUL	TRANGIE MEMORIAL HALL
FRI 23 JUL	COME BY CHANCE HALL	SAT 31 JUL	CURBAN COMMUNITY HALL
SAT 24 JUL	CARINDA MEMORIAL HALL	SUN 1 AUG	TAMBAR SPRINGS HALL
SUN 25 JUL	MARTHAGUT HALL		

**DON'T MISS THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY, RSVP NOW!**  
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [WWW.RECOVERY.GOV.AU/SPONSORED-EVENTS](http://WWW.RECOVERY.GOV.AU/SPONSORED-EVENTS)

Sample of the post's shares:

 Warren Shire Council  3h · 

What a relief...it's coming to Warren Shire!

Head to Marthagut Hall on Sunday, 25 July for an event full of laughs 😄

[Show Attachment](#)

 Like  Comment  Share

 National Recovery and Resilience Agency  Published by  · 3h · 

Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions, we've had to postpone the **What Relief!** tour. We are committed to it going ahead at a later date and will keep you in the loop on details.

Thank you for your patience and support ❤️

[Show Attachment](#)

 1 1 Share

 Like  Comment  Share

# Twitter

- We have over **2,277 followers** on our channel, an increase of **13** since last week.
- We posted **11 tweets** including retweets in this reporting period, earning around **8K impressions**.
- Our most popular tweet was our 'in case you missed it' post on the reform to QLD drought assistance which is in place end of year. The post earned over **1K impressions** and was shared by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Queensland account.



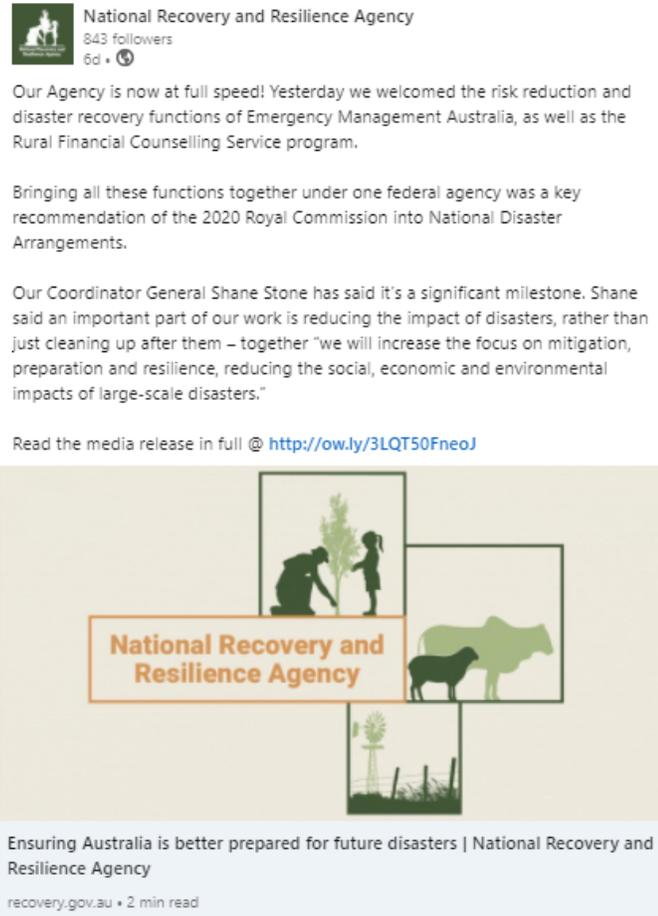
10:39 AM · Jul 2, 2021 · Twitter Web App

\* Engagements includes clicks, reactions, comments, and shares

# LinkedIn

## LinkedIn

- We have **843 followers** on our LinkedIn channel, an increase of **71 followers** since last reporting period.
- **Seven posts** were shared to LinkedIn during this reporting period, with the most successful post our Agency welcome to the Rural Financial Counselling Service program and EMA staff. The post earned around **2K impressions** and had a **seven per cent engagement rate**.



**National Recovery and Resilience Agency**  
843 followers  
6d • 🌐

Our Agency is now at full speed! Yesterday we welcomed the risk reduction and disaster recovery functions of Emergency Management Australia, as well as the Rural Financial Counselling Service program.

Bringing all these functions together under one federal agency was a key recommendation of the 2020 Royal Commission into National Disaster Arrangements.

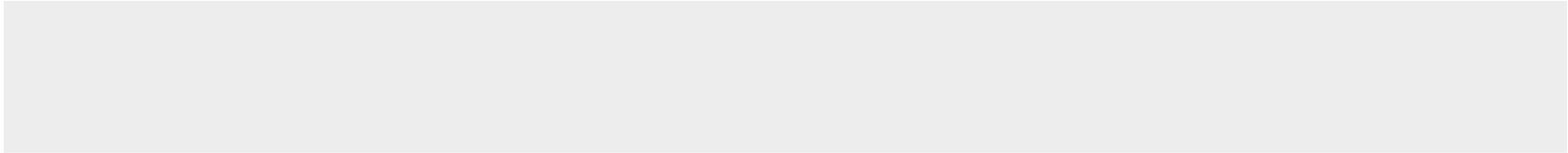
Our Coordinator General Shane Stone has said it's a significant milestone. Shane said an important part of our work is reducing the impact of disasters, rather than just cleaning up after them – together "we will increase the focus on mitigation, preparation and resilience, reducing the social, economic and environmental impacts of large-scale disasters."

Read the media release in full @ <http://ow.ly/3LQT50FneoJ>

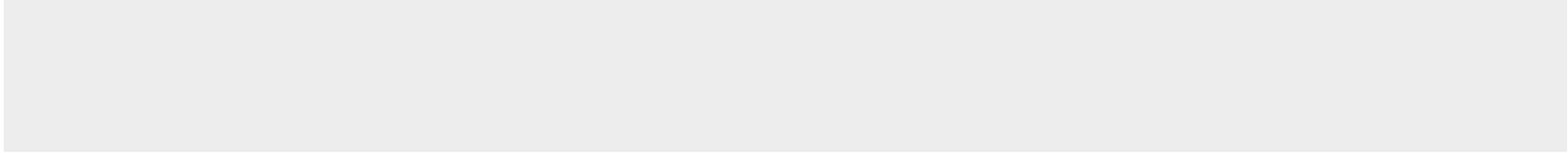


Ensuring Australia is better prepared for future disasters | National Recovery and Resilience Agency  
recovery.gov.au • 2 min read





# Monitoring



# General

**BDN** Bega District News  
@Bega\_News

Recovery services consolidated online



Recovery services consolidated online  
A new NSW Government hosted resilience website has been established to consolidate recovery service information.  
[begadistrictnews.com.au](http://begadistrictnews.com.au)

11:33 AM · Jul 8, 2021 · IFTTT

**Bates Cosgrave**  
@batescosgraveCA

Australia has had its fair share of disasters over the last few years – drought, bushfires and floods – that have ramped up the volume of insurance claims.

Read more: [ow.ly/21SS50FnRcZ](http://ow.ly/21SS50FnRcZ)



12:00 PM · Jul 7, 2021 · Hootsuite Inc.

**Senator The Hon. Bridget McKenzie**  
@senbrmckenzie

A swearing-in ceremony live from Wodonga - who would've thought? It's a great honour to serve as the Minister for National Recovery & Resilience and Emergency Management, and Minister for Regionalisation, Regional Communications & Regional Education under the Morrison-Joyce Gov.



5:34 PM · Jul 2, 2021 · Twitter Web App

**SCB**  
@Society4ConBio

Australia is set to open the world's first #platypus sanctuary in order to help the native species from going extinct.

The duck-billed platypus, a species unique to Australia, is facing extinction due to bush fires and drought linked to the climate crisis.



Australia to open world's first platypus sanctuary in fight to save species.  
Intense wildfires in Australia, as well as droughts and reduced rainfall, severely threatened egg-laying mammals existence  
[independent.co.uk](http://independent.co.uk)

10:40 PM · Jul 5, 2021 · Hootsuite Inc.

Helen Haines MP Retweeted

**Benalla Ensign**  
@BenallaEnsign

@helenhainesindi

A powerful parliamentary committee has started an inquiry into Federal Member for Indi Helen Haines's renewable energy plan for regional Australia.

Read more: [bit.ly/36f7p7d](http://bit.ly/36f7p7d)



7:00 AM · Jul 7, 2021 · TweetDeck

**Department of Defence**  
@DeptDefence

After 3 weeks, #YourADF has wrapped up storm recovery support in Victoria. 🌞

Over 120 #AusNavy 🚢, #AusArmy 🇦🇺 & #AusAirForce ✈️ personnel supported @vicemergency to help local communities get back on their feet following the severe weather event. ❤️

📄: [bit.ly/36f7p7d](http://bit.ly/36f7p7d)  
#VicStorms



2:12 PM · Jul 8, 2021 · Twitter Web App

**The Mulloon Institute**  
@TheMulloonInst

SAVE THE DATE - WED 1 SEPT 2021

The Mulloon Institute is excited to announce that this year's Tony Coote AM Memorial Lecture will be delivered by the Hon Shane Stone AC QC, Co-ordinator General of the National Recovery and Resilience Agency.  
[bit.ly/3dNv02W](http://bit.ly/3dNv02W)  
#resilience



10:26 AM · Jul 7, 2021 · Twitter Web App

**Climate Council**  
@climatecouncil

Climate change is driving devastating impacts: crippling drought, catastrophic bushfires, major flooding & more.

After years of disasters in Australia, this year's #NAIDOCweek theme is #HealCountry.

@bhiamie explores what this means & what we can do.



"Although we didn't produce these problems, we suffer them"; 3 ways you ...  
For Indigenous people, Country is more than just landscape. It's a living, breathing entity that connects them to their ancestors and their identity.  
[theconversation.com](http://theconversation.com)

9:44 AM · Jul 6, 2021 · Twitter Web App

**THE LAND** The Land  
@thelandnews

Locking up land for carbon farming and retiring to the coast a 'myth'



Locking up land for carbon farming and retiring to the coast a 'myth'  
"This myth of shutting off land is so far from what's actually happening."  
[theland.com.au](http://theland.com.au)

2:30 PM · Jul 8, 2021 · IFTTT

# Bushfires



Australia's Black Summer introduced many of us to firestorms. Experts from #UNSWCBR and @UNSWScience will discuss this phenomenon and the importance of bushfire research at a free online event this Thursday: [bit.ly/3vkpCLu](https://bit.ly/3vkpCLu)



Understanding and predicting firestorms  
Australia's Black Summer introduced many of us the phenomenon of the 'pyrocumulonimbus', otherwise ...  
[youtube.com](https://youtube.com)

2:46 PM · Jul 7, 2021 · Twitter Web App



Guidelines for the \$280m Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants now available  
[fencit.com.au/guidelines-for...](https://fencit.com.au/guidelines-for...)



5:46 AM · Jul 3, 2021 · Buffer



Do you have a project in mind to help your community recover from the recent bushfires?

The guidelines for the Liberal and Nationals Government's \$280 million Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grants program have just been released. Guidelines available at [business.gov.au/bsbr](https://business.gov.au/bsbr)



6:00 PM · Jul 5, 2021 · Twitter Web App



Assistance for beekeepers that suffered damage in Black Summer bushfires:  
Bushfire recovery grant for beekeepers  
[theland.com.au/story/7325991/...](https://theland.com.au/story/7325991/...) via @thelandnews



Bushfire recovery grant for beekeepers  
Beekeepers are set to benefit from a Federal Government grant designed to help the industry rebuild after bushfires and drought.  
[theland.com.au](https://theland.com.au)

11:17 AM · Jul 5, 2021 · Twitter Web App



Be still my heart. Cobargo Santa Project by Breathe also got an awards for sustainability



Cobargo project: How local Santa got his home back  
The only things to survive 2019's New Year's Eve bushfires at the home of retired volunteer firefighter Dave Rugendyke were the wooden reindeer th...  
[smh.com.au](https://smh.com.au)

7:33 PM · Jul 2, 2021 · Twitter Web App



#Cobargo community groups are now getting an exciting facelift for their #RSL #MemorialHall and guess who's helping out? #Taubmans! Read more to find out how we're helping Taubmans rebuild communities devastated by #disaster. #BlackSummerBushfires #NSW



Cobargo Memorial Hall set to get an exciting facelift through donor support  
The Cobargo RSL Memorial Hall will be refurbished thanks to the help of corporate partners and charities who wish to help create a much needed ...  
[beginwiththegood.com.au](https://beginwiththegood.com.au)

2:01 PM · Jul 2, 2021 · Agorapulse app



Disappointingly, the Cobargo Community Centre and Disaster Refuge didn't get funded.

1 reply, 2 likes

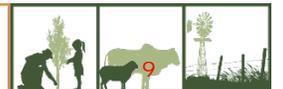


Flynn MP Ken O'Dowd invites Flynn communities to apply for ...  
This week, the Australian government released guidelines for the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grants program, which provided funding directly to



Released by the National Emergency Management Agency under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

National Recovery and Resilience Agency



# Drought and cyclones

**Australian Government Agriculture and Water**  
@DeptAgNews

Climate Services for Agriculture Platform prototype gives historical and future climate projections across Australia.

Visit Future Drought Fund for details and have your say.

Find out more at: [fal.cn/3gBVb](http://fal.cn/3gBVb)



11:00 AM · Jul 8, 2021 · Falcon Social Media Management

**FarmLink Research**  
@Farm\_Link

Did u know @BOM\_au & @CSIRO are building a new tool with historical climate info & future climate projections in one & you can have a say on what your ag industry needs?

Join a pilot region webinar  
Vic Mallee SE SA - Wed, July 14 [bit.ly/36h4TNP](http://bit.ly/36h4TNP)  
#FutureDroughtFund



8:00 PM · Jul 6, 2021 · TweetDeck



The Barmah Brumby Hay Angels was formed during the drought of 2017/2018 when the Murray Darling Basement Authority released great amounts of water into the river to increase flows for growers in South Australia.



Barmah Brumbies: Admired or Despised | Horses and People  
Parks Victoria's plan to eradicate all brumbies from the Barmah National Park within the next 3 years has intensified the clash between conservatio...  
[horsesandpeople.com.au](http://horsesandpeople.com.au)

9:51 PM · Jul 7, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

**@latrobeCityCouncil**  
@latrobeCity

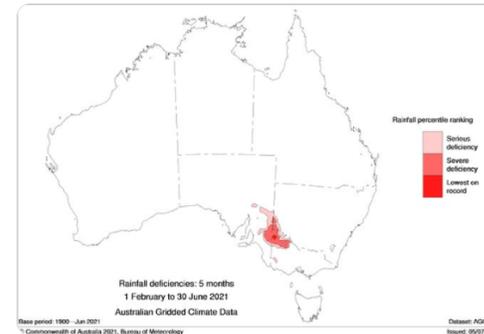
Council calls for input into storm, flood response review

Latrobe City Council will write to the Emergency Services Commissioner Andrew Crisp APM calling for a review into the flood and storm event of 9 and 10 June 2021 to be broadened.

[#gippsnews](http://latrobe.vic.gov.au/news-and-media...)  
Released by the National Emergency Management Agency under the Freedom of Information Act 1982  
3:12 PM · Jul 7, 2021 · Twitter Web App

**Bureau of Meteorology, Australia**  
@BOM\_au

Rainfall deficiencies show some reduction in severity and extent in parts of southeast Australia & #Qld. #Rain deficiencies present since the #drought of 2017-2019 remain over large parts of the country & may persist for some time. Find out more: [ow.ly/2x6150Fpr56](http://ow.ly/2x6150Fpr56)



2:09 PM · Jul 6, 2021 · Twitter Web App

**PM&C**  
@pmc\_gov\_au

Joint Media Release @senbmckenzie @JaclynSymes : Funding for immediate flood and storm clean-up for impacted Victorian communities [ministers.pmc.gov.au/2021/funding-i...](http://ministers.pmc.gov.au/2021/funding-i...)



11:37 AM · Jul 4, 2021 · Hootsuite Inc.



Coalition to redirect \$3.9bn into Drought Future Fund for 'non-rainy days' [theguardian.com/australia-news...](http://theguardian.com/australia-news...) News story from The Guardian on 26th October, 2018.



Coalition to redirect \$3.9bn into Drought Future Fund for 'non-rainy days' Money will come from Building Australia Fund, which was set up by Labor and closed by Turnbull government [theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com)

7:40 AM · Jul 8, 2021 · Twitter Web App



The Climate Services for Agriculture platform we're developing with @DeptAgNews & @BOM\_au as part of the #FutureDroughtFund is now open for prototype testing in four pilot regions. [minister.awe.gov.au/littleproud/me...](http://minister.awe.gov.au/littleproud/me...) 10

1:41 PM · Jul 2, 2021 · Twitter Web App

**National Recovery and Resilience Agency**



**Media and Communications Dashboard**  
for the period ending 9 July 2021

MEDIA	COMMUNICATIONS
<p><b>Media issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive stories on the announcement of funding for 195 new NSW Bushfire Local Economic Recovery projects continue to filter through regional media.</li> <li>Positive coverage of the upcoming Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grants has also been filtering through regional media. The stories encourage people to get ready to apply.</li> </ul> <p><b>Media enquiries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisted Shoalhaven Council with a response to an enquiry about Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund from The Australian</li> <li>Enquiry from the Alpine Observer about bushfire funding in the Alpine LGA – responded.</li> <li>Enquiry from the Today Show about Covid-19 disaster payments – responded.</li> <li>Assisted Resilience NSW with an enquiry from the Monaro Post regarding a Jindabyne facility that received Bushfire Local Economic Recovery funding.</li> <li>Enquiry from The Quadrant Online regarding sponsorship of the Horizon Festival. Referred to Austrade.</li> </ul> <p><b>Media engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinator-General Shane Stone was interviewed by ABC North Queensland regarding the NQ Telecommunications and Energy Improvement Grants program – broadcast across ABC Queensland stations, including breakfast program and Country Hour.</li> <li>Agency media release issued for Community Outreach events in Southern Queensland next week.</li> </ul> <p><b>Upcoming/FYI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministerial announcement anticipated w/c 12 July regarding Managing Disaster Risks grants in North Queensland. This will be a joint release with Qld Minister.</li> <li>Ministerial announcement anticipated w/c 12 July regarding funding for Resilient Kids programs for North Queensland.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have continued rolling out communication products related to the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants, including social media, content on the interactive map, comms materials and FAQs for RSOs, workshop materials and booking pages for workshops.</li> <li>Recovery Connect has now been updated to include advice for before, during and after a disaster – we worked with their team to support this.</li> <li>Edition 4 of our NRRRA 'Staying Connected' newsletter was published this week. We now have 3061 subscribers.</li> <li>A case study has been developed for Acres &amp; Acres, a Local Economic Recovery project in north east Victoria.</li> <li>Progressed the book launch brief and are putting together the event brief to ensure the proceedings occur smoothly.</li> <li>Progressed the internal communications and intranet strategy, which will provide a framework for internal messaging to support the agency.</li> <li>Multiple website updates and additions this week, including:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple new stories and videos have been added to the media centre</li> <li>We have updated the Local Area Profiles data to include the recent BLER projects</li> <li>Completed website audit to inform our forward work plan – it is under review</li> <li>Timeline updates concerning Minister McKenzie's recent announcements</li> <li>Publishing of the recent IWG event communiques</li> <li>Continued refinement of the Rural Financial Counselling Service content.</li> </ul> </li> <li>First 100 Days communication plan in place to drive profile of the Agency and set the right expectation.</li> <li>Digital media strategy executive summary is now with us for review.</li> </ul>

**National Recovery and Resilience Agency**



**Media and Communications Dashboard**  
for the period ending 9 July 2021

- Ministerial announcement anticipated w/c 12 July for opening of the NQ Recovery and Resilience grants – Land Management stream.
- Ministerial announcement on 22 July for opening of the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grants.

**FOI (NEMA)**

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**From:** s22 [redacted]@recovery.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 10:09 AM  
**To:** s22 [redacted]  
**Cc:** s22 [redacted]; Parliamentary (NEMA); s22 [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: DUE 10am URGENT Coordination of input for Minister McKenzie's travel to QLD [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** Updated project suggestion - Minister McKenzie 10 July.docx

**OFFICIAL**

Hi s [redacted],

I have noted bushfire impacted LGAs below and added relevant LER projects in the attached.

Let me know if you need any further detail.

Many thanks,

s [redacted]

Dr s22 [redacted]

Executive Director | Recovery Programs and Evaluation  
National Recovery and Resilience Agency  
m. s22 [redacted] | e. s22 [redacted]@recovery.gov.au | w. [www.recovery.gov.au](http://www.recovery.gov.au)  
121 Marcus Clarke Street Canberra | PO Box 133 CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601



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**From:** s22 [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 9:20 AM  
**To:** s22 [redacted]  
**Cc:** s22 [redacted]; Parliamentary  
**Subject:** RE: DUE 10am URGENT Coordination of input for Minister McKenzie's travel to QLD [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Morning all

Apologies for the heavy email traffic this morning. I have just received the attached from Infrastructure. Providing for awareness.

When compiling your responses in the table below please make sure you address any inaccuracies listed in the attached, and detail any sensitivities.  
 Our input is requested by **10am**.

s  
 s22

Director | Parliamentary, Ministerial and Stakeholder Engagement | Corporate Branch  
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**Cc:** s22 @recovery.gov.au; s22 @recovery.gov.au; Parliamentary <Parliamentary@recovery.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT Coordination of input for Minister McKenzie's travel to QLD [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Importance:** High

**OFFICIAL**

Morning everyone

The information provided yesterday is listed below. New entries that require more detail in red.  
 The headings reflect the detail that has been requested. **We have been asked to confirm the Minister responsible for any projects listed.** Please input your content within the table.

In addition to s22's suggestions, visiting disaster effected communities/locations is what is needed. In Townsville and options for 16/17 July when they will be returning from Rookwood Weir.

Appreciate receiving as soon as available this morning. The brief is going to the Minister when our content is received.

Location	Project / visit opportunity	What will she see – stage project is up to	Lead Minister political sensi
Townsville	Cyclone testing station <a href="#">Cyclone Testing Station - JCU Australia</a>	The station was established in the 1970s and has an aim to conduct research and testing to minimise the loss and suffering caused by cyclones and other high wind events. The Strata Title Inspection Program <a href="#">Strata Title Inspection Program (jcu.edu.au)</a> is a 3 year program that is run by	Australian Go administered)

		the Cyclone Testing Station where inspections are offered for strata properties in coastal NQ to help with risk identification and mitigation measures making them more resilient for the future.	
Townsville	Disaster Recovery centre	Visit to local disaster coordination centre. Centre is Category 5 cyclone rated and equipped with generator, backup water supply and able to be self-sufficient during natural disaster events.	Received \$1.9 Commonwealth Resilience Pro 2018.
Townsville	RSO guided visit to Recovery site	<b>Pace Road betterment, 45 minutes from Townsville city. Pace farm received DRFA funding. A pineapple co-op at site so could combine.</b> Townsville is a Black Summer bushfire impacted community	
	<a href="#">North Townsville Community Hub   NOTCH</a>	Northern Townsville Community Hub is a neighbourhood centre that received funding to run disaster recovery, resilience and community disaster hub projects. Received Flexible Funding Grant under Cwth-Qld Disaster Recovery Funding and Cat A DRFA funding. Visit detail needed	
	Flood warning infrastructure projects (DRFA funding).	<a href="#">Townsville and surrounds Flood Warning Infrastructure Network   Queensland Reconstruction Authority (qra.qld.gov.au)</a>	
Rockhampton	Travel with Shane	<b>Rookwood Weir Thursday 15 July</b> 8am – Depart Biouela for Gogango 9:30am – Visit to Rookwood Weir – Thirsty Creek Rd, Gogango. POC: s22 Senior Stakeholder Relations Advisor s22 @sunwater.com.au Rookwood Weir Construction site Contact: s22 Stakeholder Engagement Advisor s22 s22 @acciona.com (NRRRA is liaising with s2 and s2 ). TBC: Lunch on site (the company has offered to provide) OR if not staying for lunch 11am – depart for Rockhampton 1:30pm – meeting with Rockhampton Mayor Cr Tony Williams 3:30pm – Shane to airport to fly back to Brisbane.	As this is a wo to know, who attendance, a requirements cap boots) an briefing
	Bushfire Effected Community	Rockhampton is a Black Summer bushfire impacted community	
	<b>Week of 26 July</b>	Tuesday 27 July – Shane Stone travelling to Longreach	
Longreach	ICPA Federal Conference	<b>Wednesday 28 – Thursday 29 July</b> Federal Conference for Isolated Children’s Parent’s Association of Australia.	Minister in at
Canberra	NRRRA Agency Planning Day	<b>12 August</b> Minister Keynote address	

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Hi s22 and s22,

I've just been in contact with s22 this afternoon and as a matter of priority in the morning could you please provide her with further details on (the table in email trail):

Townsville Cyclone testing station  
 Townsville Disaster Recovery centre  
 Townsville RSO guided visit to Recovery site

\*Could you also include information on the NE IWGs.

Additional briefing material - Could we also provide the most recent brief (that was provided for the PM's announcement of the new Agency (context Townsville) – noting not all content is applicable and there will possibly be some figures that require updating in the brief however due to time pressures please ensure we have an overview of the flood measures re Monsoon Trough and grant programs.

This information is 'off the shelf' and in easy access.

As a matter of urgency can you please provide to S by 10am

Many thanks

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Hi all,

Give me a call if you need anything on this – I don't *think* any of them are mine and don't have any additional suggestions, but happy to help.

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Hi all

I'm having some IT troubles this weekend so bit slow on this one. I've popped in some additional info about the cyclone testing station, am waiting to hear back from s22 re a recovery site visit, however an alternative would be a visit to the local disaster coordination centre and have put some info in about that.

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Team

An outcome of today's meeting with the Minister about her travel next week is to provide detail on opportunities while she is travelling through Townsville through to Rockhampton.

The Minister is travelling with Senator McDonald. She will start in Townsville on Tuesday and meet up with s22 in Rockhampton on the 15<sup>th</sup>, returning to Melbourne Friday night.

Dept of Infrastructure are leading the development of the travel program. They have asked for our input by Sunday. The brief will go to the Minister on Monday am.

I have listed detail captured from the meeting below. If options can be updated/added and returned to me on Sunday Middy it would be appreciated.

Please reach out s22 over the week end if needed.

Location	Project / visit opportunity	What will she see – stage project is up to	Lead Minister – Portfolio – note any political sensitivities
Townsville	Cyclone testing station <a href="#">Cyclone Testing Station - JCU Australia</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James Cook uni</li> </ul> <p>The station was established in the 1970s and has an aim to conduct research and testing to minimise the loss and suffering caused by cyclones and other high wind events. The Australian Government funded (state administered) Strata Title Inspection Program <a href="#">Strata Title Inspection Program (jcu.edu.au)</a> is a 3 year program that is run by the Cyclone Testing Station where inspections are offered for strata properties in coastal NQ to help with risk identification and mitigation measures making them more resilient for the future.</p>	
Townsville	Disaster Recovery centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James cook Uni –</li> </ul> <p>The Centre for Disaster Studies is a multi-disciplinary research unit within the College of Science and Engineering at James Cook University. The Centre has acted as the university's face to the public and the professionals in the Emergency Management</p>	

		and Meteorology fields, city councils and other researchers since its establishment in 1979.	
Townsville	RSO guided visit to Recovery site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tbc – alternative option, visit to local disaster coordination centre. Received \$1.98M funding from joint Commonwealth-State Natural Disaster Resilience Program and was opened in 2018. Centre is Category 5 cyclone rated and equipped with generator, backup water supply and able to be self-sufficient during natural disaster events.</li> </ul> <p>Following research areas (both domestic and international) include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Integrated disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation</li> <li>- Land use planning for disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change</li> <li>- Building resilience in the built, natural and social environment</li> <li>- Tourism crisis and disaster management</li> <li>- Vulnerability and capacity assessment (community mapping for DRR and recovery)</li> <li>- Social network analysis for disaster governance, risk reduction and resilience</li> <li>- Post disaster assessment for response and recovery</li> <li>- Sustainable development/redevelopment and livelihoods</li> </ul>	
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Rockhampton	STAND Project	•	
Rockhampton	Travel with Shane	• Rookwood Weir Thursday 15 July	
	Bushfire Effected Community	•	
Longreach	ICPA Federal Conference	•	
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Hi s22 and s22,

Following our meeting with Minister McKenzie, s22 has requested we coordinate our input for suggested projects Minister McKenzie may wish to visit.

I will be updating our input over the weekend, ready to send to the Minister's office early Monday morning. Are you comfortable with emailing me your list for compilation in the one document? I am more than happy to send back to you for approval once compiled, and prior to sending to the Minister if required.

I will be in the office for another hour, but please do not hesitate to call on my mobile should you have any questions or concerns. My number is s22.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Kind regards,

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*I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet, work and live. I recognise and respect their continuing connection to the land, waters and communities. I pay my respects to Elders past and present and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.*

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**Updated Visit opportunities for Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie  
 Far North Queensland and Northern New South Wales as at 10 July 2021**

TOWNSVILLE		
Project	Opportunity	Lead Minister - Portfolio
Cyclone testing station <a href="#">Cyclone Testing Station - JCU Australia</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The station was established in the 1970s and has an aim to conduct research and testing to minimise the loss and suffering caused by cyclones and other high wind events. The Strata Title Inspection Program <a href="#">Strata Title Inspection Program (jcu.edu.au)</a> is a 3 year program that is run by the Cyclone Testing Station where inspections are offered for strata properties in coastal NQ to help with risk identification and mitigation measures making them more resilient for the future.</li> </ul>	
Disaster Recovery centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit to local disaster coordination centre.</li> <li>The Centre is a Category 5 cyclone rated and equipped with generator, backup water supply and able to be self-sufficient during natural disaster events.</li> <li>Opened in 2018, the project received \$1.98M funding from the joint Commonwealth-State Natural Disaster Resilience Program.</li> </ul>	
Redevelopment and expansion of Townsville Airport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funded by a Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility loan, the project will modernise, expand and improve access to the airport.</li> </ul>	Minister Littleproud
Airport security screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Works are about to commence on mandated security screening upgrades within Townsville Airport terminal.</li> <li>Australian Government grant funding under the Regional Airports Security Infrastructure program of \$9,110,718.</li> <li>Opportunity to inspect body scanners, CT x-ray units for carry-on luggage and relocation of check-in desks.</li> </ul>	(contact s22 on Monday)
Mater Health Redevelopment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funded by a Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility loan, a six-storey carpark will be constructed to support a staged redevelopment of the Pimlico campus of the Mater Hospital. The project will also assist with reducing congestion around the neighbourhood. \$19.75m NAIF loan.</li> <li>Currently under construction.</li> </ul>	Minister Littleproud

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Townsville cont.		
Project	Opportunity	Lead Minister - Portfolio
James Cook University Developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funded by a Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility loan, the project will support James Cook University to construct the Technology and Innovation Complex and increase student accommodation. \$98m NAIF loan.</li> <li>Currently under construction.</li> <li>JCU campus is also home to a Cyclone Testing Station, focused on research, consulting to industry and government, and providing community education on the severe weather effects to the built environment, particularly homes and other low-rise buildings.</li> </ul>	Minister Littleproud
James Cook University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Commonwealth has invested more than \$1 billion to improve support for regional higher education since 2016.</li> <li>The Commonwealth funds programs/initiatives to help regional students, including Tertiary Access Payment, Fares Allowance, and the Regional and Rural Enterprise Scholarship program.</li> </ul>	Minister McKenzie/ Minister Littleproud
Early Learning Languages Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enkindle Village School, an independent primary school, is located on the James Cook University campus in Townsville.</li> <li>Unicampus Kids preschool is also located on the James Cook University campus. You may wish to combine visits to the primary and preschool while at the campus.</li> <li>Village Kids Cranbrook preschool, located in central Townsville has also implemented the program.</li> </ul>	Minister Tudge
Townsville Northern Access Intersections Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duplication of over a 4.9 kilometre length to deliver a four-lane divided highway, including northbound two-lane bridge at Limestone Creek, pedestrian/cycle bridge, upgraded intersections, new road connections between Boundary Road south.</li> <li>Nearing start of construction. An event is being organised.</li> </ul>	Deputy Prime Minister You may also wish to liaise with Assistant Minister Landry

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ROCKHAMPTON AND REGION		
Project	Opportunity	Lead Minister - Portfolio
Rookwood Weir (1hr drive west of Rockhampton) <b>Travel with Shane Stone</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rookwood Weir is a \$367 million water infrastructure investment to drive new economic and employment opportunities for the agricultural industry and the community of Central Queensland.</li> <li>Shane Stone from the National Recovery and Resilience Agency will be travelling to Rookwood Weir on 15 July 2021. NRRRA are arranging travel as per the itinerary below:  <b>8am</b> – Depart Biouela for Gogango  <b>9:30am</b> – Visit to Rookwood Weir – Thirsty Creek Rd, Gogango  <b>TBC:</b> Lunch on site (the company has offered to provide) OR if not staying for lunch  <b>11am</b> – depart for Rockhampton  <b>1:30pm</b> – meeting with Rockhampton Mayor Cr Tony Williams  <b>3:30pm</b> – Mr Stone to airport to fly back to Brisbane.</li> </ul>	
Rockhampton Ring Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14.7km ring road will be delivered with a total of 17.4km of new road being constructed. The ring road will link the Bruce Highway through Rockhampton extending from the Capricorn Highway (Nelson Street), to Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road/Bruce Highway intersection and will include a new crossing of the Fitzroy River at Pink Lily.</li> <li>Early works including undertaking geotechnical investigations, flood modelling analysis, developing the Detailed Design, developing a staged delivery works package plan, updating the risk register and refining the cost estimates.</li> </ul>	Deputy Prime Minister
Central Queensland University developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funded by a Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility loan, the project involves construction, upgrades and refurbishments of university campuses across northern Queensland, as well as providing new and upgraded digital platforms to improve delivery of remote learning.</li> <li>Construction is underway.</li> </ul>	Minister McKenzie/ Minister Littleproud
Early Learning Languages Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C&amp;K Gundanoo Imbabee Community Childcare Centre – located on the CQU campus, you may wish to combine this visit with a visit to the university.</li> </ul>	Minister McKenzie/ Minister Tudge
Early Learning Languages Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C&amp;K Gundanoo Imbabee Community Childcare Centre is located on the CQU campus. You may wish to combine a visit to the campus and childcare centre.</li> </ul>	Minister McKenzie/ Minister Tudge

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Project	Opportunity	Lead Minister - Portfolio
<b>COFFS HARBOUR</b>		
Australian Maritime Safety Authority office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A successful decentralisation project that you opened in November 2018</li> </ul>	Deputy Prime Minister
Early Learning Languages Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Park Beach Child Care Centre in Coffs Harbour has implemented the program.</li> <li>Goodstart Early Learning Centre in Toormina, is a 15-minute drive south of central Coffs Harbour.</li> <li>Mary Help of Christians primary school is also located in Toormina.</li> </ul>	Minister McKenzie/ Minister Tudge
Bushfire recovery Local Economic Recovery projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffs Harbour City Council - <i>Exploring the Coffs Coast Destination....digitally</i></li> <li>Coffs Harbour City Council - Brelsford Park Master Plan Implementation</li> <li>Workways Australia (trading as Envite Environment) - Coffs Coastal Access Repair and Asset Protection Zone Environmental Resilience Improvements</li> </ul>	Minister McKenzie
<b>KEMPSEY (1 hour drive from Coffs Harbour)</b>		
Country University Centre Macleay Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Government has invested \$74.2m through the Regional University Centres program, creating more opportunities for students in regional areas to pursue tertiary education studies closer to home.</li> </ul>	Minister McKenzie
Early Learning Languages Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scotts Head Public School in Scotts Head is a 40-minute drive north of Kempsey.</li> <li>Teddy Bears Kindy, located in Nambucca Heads, is a further 20-minutes north of Scotts Head, or 30-minutes south of Coffs Harbour.</li> <li>Columba Cottage Early Learning Centre in Port Macquarie is a 40-minute drive south of Kempsey.</li> </ul>	Minister McKenzie/ Minister Tudge
Bushfire recovery Local Economic Recovery projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Macleay River Haulage Pty Ltd - Firewood processing mill</li> <li>Macleay River Farm Oysters - Macleay River Automated Oyster Grading Facility</li> <li>The Beekeeper's Honey - The Beekeeper's Honey - Honey Packing Facility</li> <li>Kempsey Shire Council - Macleay Valley Skydiving Adventure Park</li> <li>Kempsey Shire Council - Kempsey Regional Saleyards Infrastructure Upgrades</li> <li>Kempsey Shire Council - Kempsey/Upper Macleay TSA Control &amp; Landholder Resilience Program</li> </ul>	Minister McKenzie
<b>LISMORE</b>		
My Future Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is a joint project of RDA Mid North Coast and RDA Northern Rivers which links local employers, job seekers and employment providers.</li> </ul>	Minister Marino

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is a soft infrastructure project rather than a physical project, but is a great demonstration of RDAs working together to identify and try to solve an issue that extends beyond their own region's borders. <a href="https://midnorthcoast.myfutureworkforce.com.au/">https://midnorthcoast.myfutureworkforce.com.au/</a></li> </ul>	
Early Learning Languages Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Steps Early Learning Centre has implemented the program and is located in central Lismore.</li> <li>Southern Cross University Children's centre is located on the SCU campus in Lismore.</li> </ul>	Minister McKenzie/ Minister Tudge

CAIRNS REGION – for consideration for later travel		
Project	Opportunity	Lead Minister - Portfolio
James Cook University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Commonwealth has invested more than \$1 billion to improve support for regional higher education since 2016.</li> <li>The Commonwealth funds programs/initiatives to help regional students, including Tertiary Access Payment, Fares Allowance, and the Regional and Rural Enterprise Scholarship program.</li> </ul>	Minister McKenzie/ Minister Tudge
Early Learning Languages Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trinity Anglican School, Kewarra Beach Campus has implemented the program. Kewarra Beach is located 20 minutes-drive north of Cairns.</li> <li>Trinity Anglican School, White Rock Campus is located in central Cairns.</li> </ul>	Minister McKenzie/ Minister Tudge
Cairns Gallery Precinct - RDA Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three existing heritage-listed buildings in Cairns city centre are being transformed into a world-class gallery precinct.</li> <li>Construction is scheduled for completion in December 2021.</li> <li>\$10 million from the Australian Government.</li> <li>Announced by the former DPM, the Hon Michael McCormack MP, with Warren Entsch on 17 April 2021. This forms part of the Regional Recovery Partnerships program.</li> </ul>	Minister Fletcher
Mareeba-Dimbulah Water Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Mareeba-Dimbulah Scheme consists of the Tinaroo Falls Dam, Lake Tinaroo and the Mareeba-Dimbulah Irrigation Area. The dam also supplies the Barron Gorge Hydro-electric Power Station.</li> </ul>	Minister Pitt

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(approx. 1 hour west of Cairns)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water from Tinaroo Falls Dam is distributed by gravity through 176km of main channel to the various sections of the scheme. A further 189km of subsidiary channels distribute water to farms, dwellings and townships.</li> <li>Irrigation water for various fruit, general horticulture, sugarcane, tea-trees and coffee. Urban water supply for Tinaroo, Walkamin, Mareeba, Kuranda, Mutchilba, Dimbulah and Yungaburra.</li> <li>Potential to visit the South Walsh site where construction is underway on installation of automated control gates.</li> </ul>	
NBN innovation grant – Black Box Co, Mareeba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Innovate with NBN \$10K grant winner, Black Box Co: is a database and software solution for predictive agriculture in the beef industry. Black Box Co forecasts production outcomes across the supply chain by using machine learning and prediction algorithms.</li> <li>Black Box Co will use the grant to contribute towards increased cloud storage and cloud computational services to drive its algorithms and machine learning.</li> <li>The company has an office in Mareeba.</li> </ul>	Minister McKenzie
Bushfire recovery Local Economic Recovery projects, Mareeba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mareeba Shire Council- Chillagoe Bore and Water Main Construction</li> <li>Mareeba Shire Council- Mason Street Mareeba Sewer Main Upgrade</li> </ul>	Minister McKenzie
<b>MACKAY REGION – for consideration for later travel</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Opportunity</b>	<b>Lead Minister - Portfolio</b>
Resources Centre of Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brings together workers from the research, technology, education and mining equipment, technology and services (METS) sectors to “shape the resources sector of the future”. Provides actual and virtual spaces for people to work and or to meet to develop “innovative solutions for the resources sector. <a href="https://www.rcoe.com.au">https://www.rcoe.com.au</a></li> </ul>	Not funded by the Australian Government
Central Queensland University developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funded by a Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility loan, the project involves construction, upgrades and refurbishments of university campuses across northern Queensland, as well as providing new and upgraded digital platforms to improve delivery of remote learning.</li> </ul>	Minister McKenzie/ Minister Tudge
Early Learning Languages Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northview State School and the Mackay Kindergarten &amp; Preschool in Mackay have implemented the program.</li> </ul>	Minister McKenzie/ Minister Tudge



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<b>ROCKHAMPTON AND REGION – for consideration for later travel</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Opportunity</b>	<b>Lead Minister - Portfolio</b>
Central Highlands Project: Duarina - Fixed Wireless Broadband RCP Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identified as a possible visit opportunity later in the year.</li> <li>The project will deploy a fixed wireless network to the town of Duarina, in the Central Highlands of Queensland. The network will extend high-speed broadband connectivity to the town, benefiting local community facilities, small businesses and residents. (\$1.25 million Commonwealth funding)</li> </ul>	TBA

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**FOI (NEMA)**

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Hey s22

This is related to the follow up I sent you on the Annual Performance Statement.

Happy to catch up tomorrow/Wednesday and talk it through if easier? Just let me know.

Many thanks

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Hi s22

Are you able to assist with the below? I understand that s22 is on leave and I haven't been able to contact s22.

Give me a call to discuss if easier.

Many thanks

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**From:** s22@recovery.gov.au  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 30 June 2021 1:31 PM

To: s22 @recovery.gov.au; s22 @recovery.gov.au

Cc: Risk and Governance <RiskandGovernance@recovery.gov.au>

Subject: DUE TUES 6 JUL - Performance Reporting Internal Audit - Additional Information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hey s22 and s22

Thanks again for your help with the Agency’s performance reporting.

As you know, we have engaged KPMG to provide assurance to the Coordinator-General on the completeness, relevance and reliability of the Agency’s results in the Annual Performance Statement. In reviewing the latest performance report (attached), they have asked the questions below.

Could you please review and provide the additional information? Responses by **9am Tuesday, 6 July 2021** would be fantastic.

Alternatively, I’m happy to coordinate a quick meeting with KPMG to discuss if easier.

Please reach out with any questions and thank you again for your help.

s22

Target	Subject	Contact	KPMG Request
Target 3.3	Community Survey through Project Gap	s22	Has this survey been developed? May I get a copy of the survey and information about how it was conducted? Are there any outcomes/data from this we can review?
Target 3.3	Interviews/input from RROs (qualitative and quantitative)	s22	How is the Agency managing any potential bias that may arise if / when interviewing RRO’s?
Target 3.4	Desktop review of weekly reporting	s22	How is the reporting by produced? Is all data recorded and stored in a central data repository with standard reporting parameters? Can we get a copy of this reporting to corroborate the numbers?

s22

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**FOI (NEMA)**

**From:** Parliamentary <Parliamentary@recovery.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 5:55 PM  
**To:** s22 ; Media (NEMA)  
**Cc:** s22 ; Parliamentary (NEMA); s22 ; DLO - McKenzie; Parliamentary (NEMA)  
**Subject:** RE: Heads Up - Coordination of input for Minister McKenzie's travel to QLD [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

**OFFICIAL: Sensitive**

Good evening everyone

Thank you to everyone for their input to inform the Ministers upcoming travel. The Minister's travel plans have changed and she is now no longer in Townsville only in Rockhampton with very limited availability. Of the time available, she will attend a meeting with the Rockhampton Council with Shane) on Thursday. This will include a 15 min photo op and an hour with councillors and local member (Michelle Landry tbc).

Consider this an early heads up. A Min brief and TPs will be required to support this meeting.

This should detail local area impacted by disaster, NRRRA activities and projects in the region, sensitivities, and any possible announceables.

s22 will ask for media support – social media etc. This will come through later as she is travelling. We will provide all detail in the one brief.

A formal task is likely to come through the DLO tomorrow.

**Min Schedule as at 5.15pm today:**

Wednesday 14 Jul

Minister arrives Rockhampton 4.10pm

4.30 – 6pm Available time

Thursday 15 Jul

Full day of events – no available time

2.45 – 3pm - Photo Op Rockhampton Council and NRRRA National Coordinator (Michelle Landry TBC)

3.00 - 4pm Meeting with Rockhampton Council and NRRRA National Coordinator (Michelle Landry TBC)

Friday 16 Jul

07.15 – 0930 – Breakfast SES

9.30 – 11.15am – Available time. Likely Infrastructure Education site visit

11.30 Minister departs for airport

Flight CBR 12.15pm

A new Ministerial diary manager will be appointed tomorrow. After we engage her on Minister availability, we will reach out to you all to develop a visit program for Nth NSW.

Regards

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**From:** s22  
**Sent:** Friday, 9 July 2021 6:35 PM  
**To:** s22  
**Cc:** s22; Parliamentary; s22, s22  
**Subject:** RE: Coordination of input for Minister McKenzie's travel to QLD [SEC=OFFICIAL]

## OFFICIAL

Hi s22

Many thanks for this.

I'm the trip captain for next week's engagement so please feel free to liaise with me over the weekend. If there's anything urgent, please text as I have a lot of personal appointments tomorrow and may not have the opportunity to regularly check my emails.

At this stage we're staying at Bilouela on the Wednesday night, planning to leave at 8am to drive to the **Rookwood Weir** site (Thirsty Creek Rd), with an **anticipated arrival time of 9:30am**.

Since this is a worksite Sunwater will need to know who from the MO will be in attendance, as amongst other considerations, there are PPE requirements. As a Minister is visiting Sunwater may also need to follow additional protocols. s22 (ccd) has been our liaison point on this.

We may need to adjust our subsequent plans at Rockhampton to fit in with the Minister. This shouldn't be difficult, as the next meeting is at 1:30pm. Shane and s22 are scheduled to fly out of Rockhampton at around 5pm and both have separate commitments on Friday.

At the appropriate time, could I please have a POC for someone travelling with the Minister so that we can keep in touch during the week? I also need to discuss their plans for media engagement, as this will affect our plans.

Many thanks

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s22

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**Cc:** s22 @recovery.gov.au; s22 @recovery.gov.au; Parliamentary <Parliamentary@recovery.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Coordination of input for Minister McKenzie's travel to QLD [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Team

An outcome of today’s meeting with the Minister about her travel next week is to provide detail on opportunities while she is travelling through Townsville through to Rockhampton. The Minister is travelling with Senator McDonald. She will start in Townsville on Tuesday and meet up with Shane in Rockhampton on the 15<sup>th</sup>, returning to Melbourne Friday night.

Dept of Infrastructure are leading the development of the travel program. They have asked for our input by Sunday. The brief will go to the Minister on Monday am.

I have listed detail captured from the meeting below. If options can be updated/added and returned to me on Sunday Middy it would be appreciated.

Please reach out s22 over the week end if needed.

Location	Project / visit opportunity	What will she see – stage project is up to	Lead Minister – Portfolio – note any political sensitivities
Townsville	Cyclone testing Facility	•	
Townsville	Disaster Recovery centre	• James cook Uni	
Townsville	RSO guided visit to Recovery site	•	
		•	
Rockhampton	STAND Project	•	
Rockhampton	Travel with Shane	• Rockwood Weir Thursday 15 July	
	Bushfire Effected Community	•	
Longreach	ICPA Federal Conference	•	
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**From:** s22@infrastructure.gov.au  
**Sent:** Friday, 9 July 2021 5:04 PM  
**To:** s22@recovery.gov.au; s22@recovery.gov.au  
**Cc:** s22@infrastructure.gov.au  
**Subject:** Coordination of input for Minister McKenzie's travel to QLD [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s22 and s22,

Following our meeting with Minister McKenzie, s22 has requested we coordinate our input for suggested projects Minister McKenzie may wish to visit.

I will be updating our input over the weekend, ready to send to the Minister's office early Monday morning. Are you comfortable with emailing me your list for compilation in the one document? I am more than happy to send back to you for approval once compiled, and prior to sending to the Minister if required.

I will be in the office for another hour, but please do not hesitate to call on my mobile should you have any questions or concerns. My number is s22.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Kind regards,

s22

s22

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**From:** s22 @recovery.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 4:20 PM  
**To:** Fleet (NEMA); s22  
**Cc:** s22  
**Subject:** RE: New RSO vehicle Allocation [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Thanks s22, can you advise the name and location of the new starter? Or can you enlighten me s22? (Nobody's fault, I'm just not involved in recruiting just now so probably missed it...)

Thanks,  
s2

Regards,

s22

s22

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**From:** Fleet  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 3:13 PM  
**To:** s22  
**Cc:** s22  
**Subject:** RE: New RSO vehicle Allocation [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Good Afternoon s22,

Would you be able to confirm if you are happy with the below proposal for the RSO in Victoria?

Furthermore we have been requested to allocate a vehicle to s22 in Cloncurry and s22 in Alice Springs.

Kind Regards,

s22

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**From:** s22

**Sent:** Wednesday, 30 June 2021 1:21 PM

**To:** s22@recovery.gov.au>

**Subject:** New RSO vehicle Allocation [SEC=OFFICIAL]

## OFFICIAL

Good Afternoon s22,

I have been advised that you have a new starter starting at the end of next month; early August that requires a vehicle.

We are proposing that we take a vehicle out of storage in Melbourne and allocate this vehicle to your new RSO. Noting that we will be sending him the following accessories:

- X2 Personal Protection Blankets
- All appropriate first aid kits
- Vehicle car magnets

Furthermore with the review of the accessories based on region additional items maybe fitted or sent to the driver in due course.

s22 has advised that he could potentially pick the vehicle up out of the Melbourne storage facility and drive it to the new RSO then fly back. This will only be able to be completed once the new RSO has had his formal 4WD training? If you are happy with this proposal could you please confirm and I will start making the necessary arrangements.

Kind Regards,

s22

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**FOI (NEMA)**

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**From:** s22 [redacted]@pmc.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 11:43 AM  
**To:** s22 [redacted]  
**Cc:** s22 [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Removal of @pmc.gov.au email address [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hi s22 [redacted]

Can you please send me a list of all RSOs so I can correlate against our data to confirm the scope of impact to RSOs.

Thanks very much

s22 [redacted]

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**From:** s22 [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 11:27 AM  
**To:** s22 [redacted]  
**Cc:** s22 [redacted]  
**Subject:** Removal of @pmc.gov.au email address [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Good Morning s22 [redacted]

Thanks for the heads up on this IT update and I am just inquiring on behalf of the RSO network if this can be delayed until post the receipt of branded material and Business cards by the RSO network.

It is anticipated that ALL current RSO will have their appropriately branded material by the 12 Aug and at that time it is anticipated that all "outdated" material will be either exhausted or disposed of.

Is there any leeway to extend the current PMC email redirection until the 20 Aug 21?

Many thanks for your consideration

Cheers

s22 [redacted]

s22 [redacted]

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**From:** s22 [redacted] <[redacted]@pmc.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 9 July 2021 11:30 AM  
**Cc:** NRRRA Transitions <NRRRAtransitions@recovery.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Removal of @pmc.gov.au email address [SEC=OFFICIAL]

## OFFICIAL

Good Morning

As part of the migration to the new Recovery agency, on 30-July, ISB will remove the old @pmc.gov.au email address associated with your account. Emails sent to your old [first.last@pmc.gov.au](mailto:first.last@pmc.gov.au) address will not be delivered to you and senders may or may not receive a notification that the email address is no longer valid. This will not affect you receiving email to your @recovery.gov.au, @bushfirerecovery.gov.au or @droughtandflood.gov.au email address.

Please update your email address in online systems such as iCloud and LinkedIn and in subscription services such as Stream. It may also be useful for you to add some text to your email signature block to advise external colleagues of this change. Some suggested text is below:

"I will soon stop being able to receive emails send to my old [first.last@pmc.gov.au](mailto:first.last@pmc.gov.au) email address. My new email address is [first.last@recovery.gov.au](mailto:first.last@recovery.gov.au). Please update your contacts and if replying to an email from me prior to 7-May 2021, please address it to [first.last@recovery.gov.au](mailto:first.last@recovery.gov.au)"

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much

s22 [redacted]

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**FOI (NEMA)**

**From:** Risk and Governance <RiskandGovernance@recovery.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 5:43 PM  
**To:** s22  
**Subject:** RE: RFI - DUE 14 JULY 2021 - Final 2020-21 Performance Report and Annual Performance Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Thanks, s2. Totally understand – we have been speaking to s22 about the 2021-22 targets for the corporate plan, whereas this is for the 2020-21 annual report.

Let me know if I can do anything to help.

s22

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**From:** s22  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 5:33 PM  
**To:** Risk and Governance  
**Subject:** RE: RFI - DUE 14 JULY 2021 - Final 2020-21 Performance Report and Annual Performance Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hi s22,

To be honest I've dropped track on this, sorry. Partly due to other priorities and partly because s22 has been pulled into at least one other meeting regarding performance. Therefore, I'm not clear on what is required from me right now.

I'll take a look overnight at these docs and check in with s22 as to whether she has allocated work elsewhere. Then I'll pick up the thread and reach back out to you for further guidance as required.

s2

Regards,

s22

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**From:** Risk and Governance <[RiskandGovernance@recovery.gov.au](mailto:RiskandGovernance@recovery.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 5:28 PM  
**To:** s22 @recovery.gov.au  
**Subject:** FW: RFI - DUE 14 JULY 2021 - Final 2020-21 Performance Report and Annual Performance Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hey s22

Just checking in on this one. How are you going with it?

Let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

s22

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**From:** Risk and Governance <[RiskandGovernance@recovery.gov.au](mailto:RiskandGovernance@recovery.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 1 July 2021 6:16 AM  
**To:** s22 @recovery.gov.au; s22 @recovery.gov.au; s22 , s22 @recovery.gov.au; s22 @recovery.gov.au; s22 @recovery.gov.au  
**Cc:** s22 @recovery.gov.au; Risk and Governance <[RiskandGovernance@recovery.gov.au](mailto:RiskandGovernance@recovery.gov.au)>; s22 @recovery.gov.au; s22 @recovery.gov.au  
**Subject:** RFI - DUE 14 JULY 2021 - Final 2020-21 Performance Report and Annual Performance Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Good morning colleagues

Thank you again for your help with the Performance Report from July 2020 to April 2021 and the draft 2020-21 Annual Performance Statement (APS). Both documents were received positively by the Executive and the Audit and Risk Committee.

In order to complete the APS for publishing in the Agency's Annual Report, we require the final numbers and analysis for the 2020-21 financial year.

By **9am Wednesday 14 July**, could you please:

- 1) Provide the final stats for your performance measures and targets from 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021
  - *Remember – the stats should be reflective of the data sources and methodologies that were agreed to in the Agency's Performance Information framework. This will be used in the internal audit to assess the accuracy and reliability of the figures.*
- 2) Update the analysis with the complete performance story for 2020-21.
  - *The aim of the analysis is to discuss the factors that contributed to the Agency achieving its performance. It should provide an informative analysis beyond simply listing specific achievements and include any context in which we operated in throughout the year*
- 3) Provide any images or infographics that you would like included

- For infographics, please include a link to the source data to assist the graphic designer in developing these

The current draft is attached and also available here: [2020-21 Annual Performance Statement - FINAL DRAFT](#)

The previous report and performance information is also attached for your reference.

The information should be cleared by the responsible Executive Director and provided to the Risk and Governance Team for a QA before we progress through the clearance process to the Coordinator-General.

Thank you again for your assistance and please reach out to myself or s2 if you have any questions.

Many thanks

s22

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**FOI (NEMA)**

**From:** s22 @recovery.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 10:06 AM  
**To:** s22  
**Cc:** s22 ; Social Media; s22  
 s22  
**Subject:** RE: social media content [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hi s22 & Team

Thank you for all of the detail in this email, it's a great help and looking forward to seeing more RSO content online- I would like to encourage content that promotes diversity and inclusion.

I have also observed that we were following accessibility guidelines previously and included Image Descriptions and Captions and/or Transcripts – but recently this has not been consistent across all posts and platforms.

We need to make sure we are reviewing the images, video and readability of our social media content to align with accessibility best practice.

[How to write more accessible social media posts · News · Australian Network on Disability \(and.org.au\)](#)

<https://intranet.ssp.pmc.gov.au/ES/COM/OD/Pages/web-social-media.aspx>

[A beginner's guide to accessible content · Employer responsibilities · Australian Network on Disability \(and.org.au\)](#)

Kind regards

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**From:** s22  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 8:38 AM  
**To:** NRRA - Engagement Network  
**Cc:** s22 ; Social Media  
**Subject:** social media content [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Good morning to our hard working Recovery Support Officers,

We'd love your assistance to source content for the NRRRA's social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn).

Social media is one of our main front-facing communication tools to show our audience and stakeholders our on-the-ground efforts and provide the latest information on recovery support and assistance.

As the faces of the Agency and our boots on the ground, RSOs play an important role in telling the Agency story. Our RSO content consistently is some of the best performing content across our platforms. People simply love hearing from you and seeing their communities reflected on our channels.

We already have some superstar RSO's consistently feeding content back to us – and for that we thank you!

If each RSO aims to submit just one social media lead/story per month to us, with our large network - we'd have ample content to share across our platforms!

Photos and videos of your everyday activities, and a few sentences to go with it – or an article of a local issue or event, is all we require to get the ball rolling.

It doesn't need to be super polished or perfect – our social media team like authentic and raw material – and so does our audience!

Topics we'd like to promote:

- Community engagement - RSOs at events – field days, Ag shows, town hall meetings, other community events
- Support and advice – RSOs talking to Primary Producers and people affected by bushfires - RSOs meeting with small business, farmers and other stakeholders, visiting properties etc
- Recovery in action - people and businesses getting back on their feet, individuals and communities recovering and rebuilding
- Good news stories – local heroes, innovation, anniversaries and milestones, local events and significant achievements

Some handy tips:

- Use your imagination. We want fun, positive, local stories featuring local people.
- Get permission – if you plan on including names and photos of local people, ask them first
- Get somebody else to take the photos – we want candid shots of RSOs in action, talking to people in natural situations (not just staged photos lined up in a row with everyone facing front on)
- Sunglasses off! It might sound like a small thing, but sunglasses in photos look terrible. We don't want hidden faces!
- And lastly, if in doubt, make the call – Our social media team are happy to talk to you about ideas or any concerns you might have

Please send all submissions to [socialmedia@recovery.gov.au](mailto:socialmedia@recovery.gov.au)

We look forward to hearing from you soon and please let us know if you have any questions.

s22

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**FOI (NEMA)**

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**From:** s22 [redacted]@recovery.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 7:34 AM  
**To:** s22 [redacted]  
**Cc:** Recovery Liaison Network; s22 [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Social media requests from liaison network [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Thanks s22 – no problem.

I will circulate today.

s22 [redacted]

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**From:** s22 [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 6:33 AM  
**To:** s22 [redacted]  
**Cc:** Liaison ; s22 [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Social media requests from liaison network [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hi s22 [redacted]

Apologies for the delay in responding to you. I am comfortable if these types of request from Comms are distributed directly to the RSO Network and I just get involved at clearance level once stories are selected. The NRRRA – Engagement Network distribution list should reach everyone now.

Does this work for you?

Regards

s22 [redacted].

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**From:** s22 [redacted]@recovery.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 July 2021 9:40 AM  
**To:** s22 [redacted]@recovery.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Liaison <liaison@recovery.gov.au>; s22 [redacted]@recovery.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Social media requests from liaison network [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hi s22 [redacted]

Apologies, it's time these emails go to you so forwarding you the below I sent to s2 [redacted] yesterday! I'm on the social media team and just wanted to circulate the below to the RSOs if you could please do me a favour and pass the message on?

The content they send through performs the best on our platforms and we're hoping to encourage them to continue submitting content.

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**Subject:** Social media requests from liaison network [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s2

I was wondering if you could please circulate the below request from our media and social media team to the liaison network on our behalf?

Let me know if ok 😊

s22

To our hard working Recovery Support Officers,

We'd love your assistance to source content for the NRRRA's social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn).

Social media is one of our main front-facing communication tools to show our audience and stakeholders our on-the-ground efforts and provide the latest information on recovery support and assistance.

As the faces of the Agency and our boots on the ground, RSOs play an important role in telling the Agency story. Our RSO content consistently is some of the best performing content across our platforms. People simply love hearing from you and seeing their communities reflected on our channels.

We already have some superstar RSO's consistently feeding content back to us – and for that we thank you!

If each RSO aims to submit just one social media lead/story per month to us, with our large network - we'd have ample content to share across our platforms!

Photos and videos of your everyday activities, and a few sentences to go with it – or an article of a local issue or event, is all we require to get the ball rolling.

It doesn't need to be super polished or perfect – our social media team like authentic and raw material – and so does our audience!

Topics we'd like to promote:

- Community engagement - RSOs at events – field days, Ag shows, town hall meetings, other community events
- Support and advice – RSOs talking to Primary Producers and people affected by bushfires - RSOs meeting with small business, farmers and other stakeholders, visiting properties etc
- Recovery in action - people and businesses getting back on their feet, individuals and communities recovering and rebuilding
- Good news stories – local heroes, innovation, anniversaries and milestones, local events and significant achievements

Some handy tips:

- Use your imagination. We want fun, positive, local stories featuring local people.
- Get permission – if you plan on including names and photos of local people, ask them first
- Get somebody else to take the photos – we want candid shots of RSOs in action, talking to people in natural situations (not just staged photos lined up in a row with everyone facing front on)
- Sunglasses off! It might sound like a small thing, but sunglasses in photos look terrible. We don't want hidden faces!
- And lastly, if in doubt, make the call – Our social media team are happy to talk to you about ideas or any concerns you might have

Please send all submissions to [socialmedia@recovery.gov.au](mailto:socialmedia@recovery.gov.au)

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

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**FOI (NEMA)**

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**Subject:** RE: URGENT Coordination of input for Minister McKenzie's travel to QLD [SEC=PROTECTED]  
**Attachments:** FW: UPDATE - Travel and launch details - Townsville 5 May [SEC=PROTECTED]; Grants snapshot - updated 12 July 2021.docx

**PROTECTED**

Hi Everyone,

Below are some key contextual points on the IWG meeting.

Attached is an update providing a snapshot of the 2019 Monsoon Trough grants being delivered by the Agency.

I have attached the PM's brief from the Townsville trip as requested by s22 – note this document is PROTECTED so I have classified this email as such. Most of this is now public information.

I have added in more information to the table below including meetings the Agency has had with JCU on the CTS and the NQSTIP. I have added responsible minister information available.

More information has been added for the areas in red.

Some additional information on places to visit on 16/17 July as requested:

- Local group called FED UP (Flooded, Evacuated, Displaced and United People) that was formed in Idalia after the entire suburb was inundated. The group did not receive federal funding but was a key support group for those in the area that were flooded throughout the recovery journey (NOT funded by the Commonwealth)
- The Townsville Community Rebuild Project could contact assistance recipients to arrange visits to their properties. The TCRP received \$150,000 Category C, FFG under the DRFA.
- Achacha Tropical Fruit plantation was heavily affected by the monsoon and received a restocking, replanting and on farm infrastructure grant to assist with recovery. Noting Achacha plantation is approximately 40 mins from Townsville however it may be desirable as it is near a roadworks site that is underway. The road project received \$411 million in Australian Government funding. Achacha details:  
<https://www.achacha.com.au/contact/>
- Bruce Highway upgrade :  
[https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/projects/ProjectDetails.aspx?Project\\_id=051582-13QLD-NP](https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/projects/ProjectDetails.aspx?Project_id=051582-13QLD-NP)

I can't see any glaring issues with the attachment sent through.

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Further context on the Implementation Working Groups (IWGs). The North East IWG has held its last three meetings in Townsville.

- [NEMA FOI 2526-11](#) In December 2020 the Agency brought together representatives from community, industry and all levels of government to form two IWGs to implement priorities from *After the flood: A strategy for long-term recovery (the Strategy)*. Document 21
- The two groups cover the North West and North East local government Areas.
  - North East – Burdekin, Charters Towers, Douglas, Hinchinbrook, Townsville and Whitsunday
  - North West – Burke, Carpentaria, Cloncurry, Etheridge, Flinders, McKinlay, Richmond and Winton
- Consistent with the Agency’s locally led approach; members set the priorities for each meeting and on 21 May 2021 (North East IWG in Townsville) and 17 June 2021 (North West IWG in Cloncurry) members met to contribute critical local insights on the themes of mental health and business acumen.
- The next meeting of the North East IWG will be in Ayr (approx. 1:15 south of Townsville) on 25 August and the North West IWG will be in Karumba on 8 September.

Cheers,

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**Importance:** High

## OFFICIAL

Morning everyone

The information provided yesterday is listed below. New entries that require more detail in red.

The headings reflect the detail that has been requested. **We have been asked to confirm the Minister responsible for any projects listed.** Please input your content within the table.

In addition to s22’s suggestions, visiting disaster effected communities/locations is what is needed. In Townsville and options for 16/17 July when they will be returning from Rookwood Weir.

Appreciate receiving as soon as available this morning. The brief is going to the Minister when our content is received.

Location	Project / visit opportunity	What will she see – stage project is up to	Lead Minister political sensitivity
Townsville	Cyclone testing station <a href="#">Cyclone Testing Station - JCU Australia</a>	<p>The station was established in the 1970s and has an aim to conduct research and testing to minimise the loss and suffering caused by cyclones and other high wind events. The Strata Title Inspection Program <a href="#">Strata Title Inspection Program (jcu.edu.au)</a> is a 3 year program that is run by the Cyclone Testing Station where inspections are offered for strata properties in coastal NQ to help with risk identification and mitigation measures making them more resilient for the future.</p> <p>Agency staff visited the CTS on 20 May 2021 with IWG members to see first-hand the work they were doing. The visit included seeing wind tests on roof structures and impact tests on doors and windows.</p> <p>Agency staff met virtually with JCU representatives on 8 June 2021 to further understand the North Queensland Strata Title Inspection Program (what worked well, lessons learnt and the impact it may have had on insurance premiums).</p> <p>Agency staff met virtually with JCU representatives on 25 June 2021 to further share the knowledge of the work they are doing and better understand their findings from their work relating to TC Seroja in WA.</p>	<p>Australian Government administered)</p> <p>The North Queensland Inspection Program the QLD Government Partnership for the Minister responsible for partnership agreements Sukkar MP, Assistant Minister for Housing and Homelessness Housing</p>
Townsville	Local Disaster Coordinator Centre	<p>Visit to local disaster coordination centre. Centre is Category 5 cyclone rated and equipped with generator, backup water supply and able to be self-sufficient during natural disaster events.</p> <p>The coordinator will talk through the processes and methods the LDCC use for managing disasters. This includes coordinating and communicating with response teams, stakeholders and the tools they use.</p> <p>Agency staff and advisory board members visited the LDCC on 20 April 2021 following the Advisory Board meeting on 19 April 2021.</p> <p>Agency staff and IWG members also visited the LDCC on 20 May 2021.</p>	<p>Received \$1.9 Commonwealth Resilience Program 2018.</p>
Townsville	RSO guided visit to Recovery site	<p><b>Pace Road betterment, 45 minutes from Townsville city. Pace farm received DRFA funding. A pineapple co-op at site so could combine.</b></p> <p>Pace Road has been severely impacted by successive natural disasters including the 2019 monsoon flood, which washed out and closed the road for five days, impacting local residents and businesses.</p>	<p>Minister for Emergency Response responsible for assistance under the Hon Bridgman Emergency Management Recovery and Formerly, the</p>

		<p>A total of \$235,000 was approved from the 2019 betterment program to stabilise the pavement and deliver a two-coat bitumen seal across a 3.5-kilometre section of the road, improving the resilience, functionality and accessibility of the road.</p> <p>Works completed in October 2020</p>	<p>Funding for th by the QLD Go arrangements</p> <p>DRFA are joint Australian Gov</p>
	<p><a href="#">North Townsville Community Hub   NOTCH</a></p>	<p><b>Northern Townsville Community Hub is a neighbourhood centre that received funding to run disaster recovery, resilience and community disaster hub projects. Received Flexible Funding Grant under Cwth-Qld Disaster Recovery Funding and Cat A DRFA funding. Visit detail needed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Received Category A funding under the DRFA for a flood support worker</li> <li>- Assisted wider Townsville community in flood support needs</li> <li>- Received \$142,760 for the NOTCH Disaster Recovery Hub</li> </ul> <p>Category C flexible funding grants were also received for the Queensland Families and Communities Association (NOTCH parent company) which NOTCH facilitated local delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Neighbourhood Centre Monsoon Response Capacity Building Project - \$71,500</li> <li>- Neighbourhood Centre Monsoon Response Strategy - \$95,000</li> </ul>	<p>Minister for E responsible fo assistance un the Hon Bridg Emergency M Recovery and</p> <p>Formerly, the</p> <p>Funding for th by the QLD Go arrangements</p> <p>DRFA are joint Australian Gov</p>
	<p><b>Flood warning infrastructure projects (DRFA funding).</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Townsville and surrounds Flood Warning Infrastructure Network   Queensland Reconstruction Authority (gra.qld.gov.au)</a></p> <p>The \$8 million FWIN Project was approved as part of the \$242 million Category C and D Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) package, jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments. The project covers three areas of operation: Far North Queensland; North West Queensland; and Townsville and surrounds.</p> <p>Progress</p> <p><b>Activities complete</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stakeholder consultation to determine priority locations</li> <li>- Review of local government flood warning investment plans</li> </ul>	<p>Minister for E responsible fo assistance un the Hon Bridg Emergency M Recovery and</p> <p>Formerly, the</p> <p>Funding for th by the QLD Go arrangements</p> <p>DRFA are joint Australian Gov</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Based on stakeholder feedback received and an independent review, prioritised a list of flood warning locations and assets</li> <li>- Asset responsibility and governance arrangements agreed with councils</li> <li>- New assets confirmed and accepted by councils following an additional \$6 million injection of grant funding across the three areas of operation</li> <li>- 6 local governments approved for 59 flood warning assets to be installed</li> <li>- Project Manager appointed</li> <li>- Sites selected and approved</li> <li>- Tender awarded and delivery contractor appointed</li> </ul> <p><b>Activities underway</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Delivery of assets.</li> </ul> <p><b>Project Manager</b></p> <p>The Project Manager will oversee the delivery of gauges in the area.</p> <p>s22 Townsville City Council Phone: s22 Mobile: s22 Email: s22@townsville.qld.gov.au</p>	
Rockhampton	Travel with Shane	<p><b>Rookwood Weir Thursday 15 July</b>              8am – Depart Biouela for Gogango              9:30am – Visit to Rookwood Weir – Thirsty Creek Rd, Gogango. POC: s22 Senior Stakeholder Relations Advisor              s22@sunwater.com.au              Rookwood Weir Construction site Contact: s22 Stakeholder Engagement Advisor s22              s22@acciona.com (NRRA is liaising with s2 and s2 ).              TBC: Lunch on site (the company has offered to provide) OR if not staying for lunch              11am – depart for Rockhampton              1:30pm – meeting with Rockhampton Mayor Cr Tony Williams              3:30pm – Shane to airport to fly back to Brisbane.</p>	As this is a wo to know, who attendance, a requirements cap boots) an briefing
	Bushfire Effected Community	TBC	
	<b>Week of 26 July</b>	Tuesday 27 July – Shane Stone travelling to Longreach	

Longreach	ICPA Federal Conference	<b>Wednesday 28 – Thursday 29 July</b> Federal Conference for Isolated Children's Parent's Association of Australia.	Minister in at
Canberra	NRRA Agency Planning Day	<b>12 August</b> Minister Keynote address	

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**Importance:** High

**OFFICIAL**

Hi s22 and s22 ,

I've just been in contact with s22 e this afternoon and as a matter of priority in the morning could you please provide her with further details on (the table in email trail):

Townsville Cyclone testing station  
Townsville Disaster Recovery centre  
Townsville RSO guided visit to Recovery site

\*Could you also include information on the NE IWGs.

Additional briefing material - Could we also provide the most recent brief (that was provided for the PM's announcement of the new Agency (context Townsville) – noting not all content is applicable and there will possibly be some figures that require updating in the brief however due to time pressures please ensure we have an overview of the flood measures re Monsoon Trough and grant programs.

This information is 'off the shelf' and in easy access.

As a matter of urgency can you please provide to **S** by 10am

Many thanks

**s22**

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Hi all,

Give me a call if you need anything on this – I don't *think* any of them are mine and don't have any additional suggestions, but happy to help.

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Hi all

I'm having some IT troubles this weekend so bit slow on this one. I've popped in some additional info about the cyclone testing station, am waiting to hear back from s22 re a recovery site visit, however an alternative would be a visit to the local disaster coordination centre and have put some info in about that.

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Team

An outcome of today's meeting with the Minister about her travel next week is to provide detail on opportunities while she is travelling through Townsville through to Rockhampton. The Minister is travelling with Senator McDonald. She will start in Townsville on Tuesday and meet up with Shane in Rockhampton on the 15<sup>th</sup>, returning to Melbourne Friday night.

Dept of Infrastructure are leading the development of the travel program. They have asked for our input by Sunday. The brief will go to the Minister on Monday am.

I have listed detail captured from the meeting below. If options can be updated/added and returned to me on Sunday Middy it would be appreciated.

Please reach out s22 over the week end if needed.

Location	Project / visit opportunity	What will she see – stage project is up to	Lead Minister – Portfolio – note any political sensitivities
Townsville	Cyclone testing station <a href="#">Cyclone Testing Station - JCU Australia</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James Cook uni</li> </ul> <p>The station was established in the 1970s and has an aim to conduct research and testing to minimise the loss and suffering caused by cyclones and other high wind events. The Australian Government funded (state administered) Strata Title Inspection Program <a href="#">Strata Title Inspection Program (jcu.edu.au)</a> is a 3 year program that is run by the Cyclone Testing Station where inspections are offered for strata properties in coastal NQ to help with</p>	

		risk identification and mitigation measures making them more resilient for the future.	
Townsville	Disaster Recovery centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James cook Uni – The Centre for Disaster Studies is a multi-disciplinary research unit within the College of Science and Engineering at James Cook University. The Centre has acted as the university's face to the public and the professionals in the Emergency Management and Meteorology fields, city councils and other researchers since its establishment in 1979.</li> </ul>	
Townsville	RSO guided visit to Recovery site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tbc – alternative option, visit to local disaster coordination centre. Received \$1.98M funding from joint Commonwealth-State Natural Disaster Resilience Program and was opened in 2018. Centre is Category 5 cyclone rated and equipped with generator, backup water supply and able to be self-sufficient during natural disaster events.</li> </ul> <p>Following research areas (both domestic and international) include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Integrated disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation</li> <li>- Land use planning for disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change</li> <li>- Building resilience in the built, natural and social environment</li> <li>- Tourism crisis and disaster management</li> <li>- Vulnerability and capacity assessment (community mapping for DRR and recovery)</li> <li>- Social network analysis for disaster governance, risk reduction and resilience</li> <li>- Post disaster assessment for response and recovery</li> <li>- Sustainable development/redevelopment and livelihoods</li> </ul>	
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Rockhampton	STAND Project	•	
Rockhampton	Travel with Shane	• Rookwood Weir Thursday 15 July	
	Bushfire Effected Community	•	
Longreach	ICPA Federal Conference	•	
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Hi s22 and s22,

Following our meeting with Minister McKenzie, s22 has requested we coordinate our input for suggested projects Minister McKenzie may wish to visit.

I will be updating our input over the weekend, ready to send to the Minister's office early Monday morning. Are you comfortable with emailing me your list for compilation in the one document? I am more than happy to send back to you for approval once compiled, and prior to sending to the Minister if required.

I will be in the office for another hour, but please do not hesitate to call on my mobile should you have any questions or concerns. My number is s22.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Kind regards,

s22

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I pay my respects to Elders past and present and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.*

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## 2019 North Queensland Monsoon Trough

### Recovery in action – Australian Government grants

Administered by QRIDA	Administered by QRA
<p><b><u>Resilient Kids</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$2m</b> for preventative mental health programs for school-aged children</li> <li>• <b>Opened 11 December 2020</b> and <b>closed 1 March 2021</b> with program announcements expected mid-July 2021.</li> <li>• One targeted grant opportunity <b>open to Western Queensland and Northern Queensland Primary Health Networks to commission services</b></li> <li>• <b>QRIDA liaising with PHNs to expand scope of their projects for better coverage.</b></li> <li>• No in-kind or financial contribution required.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Recovery &amp; Resilience Grants</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$20m</b> over 4 years from 2020-21</li> <li>• Two streams:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Local Government (\$857,000 per eligible LGA total \$12m: \$857,000 x 14 LGAs = \$11.998 million)</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Opened 16 December 2020 and closed on 31 March 2021.</b></p> <p>No financial in-kind contribution required but may be contributed.</p> <p>Minister Littleproud <b>announced outcomes of stream 1 on 15 June 2021</b> via a media release.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Competitive grants (\$8m) (<b>opening date anticipated mid-July 2021</b>). Guidelines are currently being finalised.</li> </ol> <p><b>Note: Stream 2 to be administered by QRIDA.</b></p> </li></ul>
<p><b><u>Economic Diversification Grants</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$9m</b> over 3 years from 2020-21</li> <li>• Grants between <b>\$10,000 &amp; \$500,000</b> available</li> <li>• <b>Round 1</b> opened for <b>EOIs on 1 February 2021</b> and <b>closed on 19 March 2021</b></li> <li>• <b>Successful EOIs were invited to submit a full application, opened 9 April and closed 9 July 2021</b></li> <li>• Successful projects are expected to be announced mid-August 2021</li> <li>• Two streams (agriculture and non-agriculture) for projects that support emerging industries, expand small scale industries or add value for existing industries and their supply chains to generate economic and employment opportunities</li> <li>• Examples could include Indigenous tourism, renewable energy options, and a focus on place-based and regional tourism.</li> <li>• <b>Open to small to medium sized businesses, tertiary institutions, incorporated associations, local governments, cooperatives, industry organisations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations</b></li> <li>• Co-contribution (financial or in-kind) required, however there is no set amount but it should be commensurate with funding requested.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Managing Disaster Risk</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$12m</b> over 3 years from 2020-21</li> <li>• In 2020/21, grants of <b>up to \$2m</b> are available as part of the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund</li> <li>• <b>Round 1 opened for EOIs on 10 March 2021 and closed on 7 April 2021</b></li> <li>• <b>Successful EOIs were invited to submit a full application closed 7 May 2021</b></li> <li>• Successful projects are expected to be announced in July 2021</li> <li>• Designed to increase risk management capability, improved disaster risk management planning and risk mitigation activities</li> <li>• <b>Open to local government, regional organisations of councils, regional natural resource management bodies, river improvement trusts, water authorities and local water boards (category 2 only), QLD government departments and agencies, government owned corporations, incorporated non-government organisations, not for profit organisations including universities</b></li> <li>• In-kind or financial contribution advantageous but not mandatory and no minimum set. Applicants must also explain why there is no co-contribution.</li> </ul>



<p><b><u>Telecommunications &amp; Energy Improvement</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$15m</b> over 3 years from 2020-21</li> <li>• Grants between <b>\$10,000 &amp; \$1m</b> available</li> <li>• <b>Round 1</b> opened <b>8 February 2021</b> and <b>closed on 30 April 2021</b></li> <li>• Two streams – telecommunications and energy – for locally led solutions that improve access to reliable and affordable telecommunications and energy services to support business and community growth</li> <li>• Examples could include micro grids, wind farms &amp; upgraded internet solutions</li> <li>• <b>Open to small to medium sized businesses, tertiary institutions, incorporated associations, local governments, cooperatives, industry organisations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations</b></li> <li>• Telecommunications projects also require a licensed telecommunications provider or an applicant with a Nominated Carrier Declaration</li> <li>• Co-contribution (financial or in-kind) required, however there is no set amount but it should be commensurate with funding requested.</li> <li>• Minister Littleproud <b>announced round 1 <a href="#">successful applicants</a> 1 July 2021</b> via a media release.</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>Restocking, Replanting and On-farm Infrastructure</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$240m</b> available from 2019-20</li> <li>• Grants <b>up to \$400,000 (with matched co-contribution)</b></li> <li>• Closing to new applications <b>30 June 2022</b></li> <li>• <b>Approved applicants have until 31 March 2024 to draw-down approved funds</b></li> <li>• Open to primary producers in the 14 eligible LGAs impacted by the flood event</li> <li>• Grants can be used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- restocking livestock</li> <li>- replanting lost or damaged crops or permanent plantings; and</li> <li>- restoring or replacing lost or damaged on-farm infrastructure</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>For further details visit: <a href="https://recovery.gov.au/locally-led-recovery">https://recovery.gov.au/locally-led-recovery</a></p>	

Information updated 12 July 2021

Note: Only 14 Local Government Areas (LGAs) are eligible for the grants in the above table:

- Burdekin Shire
- Burke Shire
- Carpentaria Shire
- Charters Towers
- Cloncurry Shire
- Douglas Shire
- Etheridge Shire
- Flinders Shire
- Hinchinbrook Shire
- McKinlay Shire
- Richmond Shire
- Townsville
- Whitsunday
- Winton Shire

**FOI (NEMA)**

**From:** s22 @recovery.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 8:40 AM  
**To:** s22  
**Subject:** FW: UPDATE - Travel and launch details - Townsville 5 May [SEC=PROTECTED]  
**Attachments:** Event brief - PM Townsville - NRRRA.docx; Talking point pack - NRRRA.docx; 21\_05\_05 Townsville event.docx

**PROTECTED**

Found it!

**From:** s22 @pmc.gov.au>  
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**Subject:** UPDATE - Travel and launch details - Townsville 5 May [SEC=PROTECTED]

**PROTECTED**

Good afternoon all

Still quite a few moving parts for Wednesday and I will endeavour to keep you updated overnight and as I travel tomorrow.

Individual detailed itineraries are attached and the high level travel/transport arrangements are below. Unknown aspects are highlighted.

s22 may now be joining us – he’ll confirm this evening.

I am still to confirm if s22 from BOM is travelling, and what logistics support he requires.

Day	Traveller	Arrival/Departure from Townsville	Accommodation	Transport arrangements
Tuesday	s22	Arr 11:55am	Rydges Southbank	s22 (meet at airport, hand over keys to second car)
	s22	Arr 12:25pm	The Ville	s22
	s22	Arr 12:25pm	The Ville	s22
	s22	Arr 5:15pm	TBC	TBC
	s22	Arr 5:15pm	Rydges Southbank	s22
	s22	Arr 5:15pm	Rydges Southbank	s22
	s22	Arr 5:50pm	Rydges Southbank	s22
Wednesday	s22	Dep 12:35pm	From accommodation or launch activity depending on final schedule	s22 (to be advised once day’s activities confirmed)

NEMA FOI 2	s22	TBC	TBC	TBC Document 23
	s22	Dep 5:00pm	TBC	s22
	s22	Dep 5:00pm	TBC	s22 (drive
	s22	Dep 5:00pm	TBC	Agency car, hand over keys to s22 )
Thursday	s22	Dep 9:05am	From accommodation	Uber or taxi
	s22	Dep 12:35pm	From accommodation	Uber or taxi

**BACKGROUND MATERIALS**

Attached are:

- RSO talking points
- The Event Brief provided to the MO/PMO

**EVENT DETAILS**

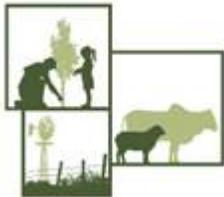
Schedule for the day still to be advised.

s22 is bringing banners.

s22 is arranging to have 4 AO sized copies of maps overlaid with the following for display/use (map is currently being produced by s22 ):

- Drought
- 2019 North Queensland monsoon trough
- 2019-20 Black Summer Bushfires
- 2021 TC Imogen
- 2021 TC Niran
- 2021 Eastern Australia Storms and Floods
- 2021 TC Seroja

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The National Drought and Flood Agency acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to their elders both past and present.



## TALKING POINTS

### Announcement of Australian Government's Disaster Resilience and Reforms package

#### 1. KEY MESSAGES

- The 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires were a wake-up call for a bold, unified action, and this was reflected in the Natural Disaster Royal Commission's recommendations.
- It's time to build on what works well and have the courage to do things differently where changes are needed. This starts today.
- Floods, bushfires, cyclones and drought have always been a part of the Australian landscape, and in recent times hazards like the COVID-19 pandemic have significantly impacted our way of life.
- The cumulative economic cost of these disasters runs into the billions and the impact is extensive, from damaged and destroyed homes and public assets like roads; disruption to power, phone and internet services; and loss of income for small businesses and primary producers.
- The personal cost can't be quantified and is no less important, especially when a loved one loses her or his life.
- Australians will be better positioned to withstand future large-scale disasters as a result of these comprehensive Australian Government reforms designed to minimise the impact of major disasters, drought and other hazards through locally-led recovery and disaster risk mitigation.
- The Australian Government is committed to ensuring people impacted by natural disasters, drought and other hazards get the support and advice they need to recover, while also delivering initiatives that reduce the risk and lessen the impact of future challenges.
  - We can never flood, cyclone, drought or fire proof the nation but we can be better prepared, reduce risks, and help make our communities safer and stronger.
- The Australian Government is showing national leadership to strengthen natural disaster response and recovery, and driving efforts to reduce the social, economic and environmental impacts of future large-scale disasters.
- The Disaster Resilience and Reforms package brings a strengthened approach to minimising the impact of major disasters, drought and other hazards through locally-led recovery and disaster risk mitigation, and places Australians in a better position to withstand future large-scale disasters.

- The package delivers on the commitments the Australian Government made in November 2020 in response to the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements.

## 2. NATIONAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE AGENCY

- The National Recovery and Resilience Agency led by the Hon Shane Stone AC QC arises from a key recommendation of the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements, which called for a national agency focussed on resilience and recovery, that champions risk reduction.
- The Agency will coordinate and align Australia's national capability to build resilience, better prepare for natural disasters, and recover from all hazards.
  - It will also support Emergency Management Australia, which remains the national disaster response Agency during the immediate relief phase after major disasters.
- The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment will be taking the lead when it comes to drought policy and programs, but our staff in the regions will remain focused on the needs of drought affected communities.
- There is now a consolidated, enduring national Agency to support recovery and resilience for communities impacted by natural disasters, drought and other hazards, with a strong on-the-ground presence and a guiding principle of locally-led recovery, risk reduction and preparedness.
- The Agency brings together expertise in natural disaster recovery, working with affected communities and all levels of government, industry and not-for-profit organisations.
- It is also at the forefront of driving efforts to minimise the impact of future disasters.
  - We can never flood, cyclone, drought or fire proof the nation, but we can be better prepared.
  - The Agency will have an important role in driving social, environmental, built and economic resilience projects.
- The Agency immediately brings together the former National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency and the National Bushfire Recovery Agency.
- From 1 July, the Agency will incorporate the disaster risk reduction and recovery functions from Department of Home Affairs, and will take on responsibility for management of the Rural Financial Counselling Program from the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment. This will complement the Agency's on the ground network of regional officers.

- The National Recovery and Resilience Agency will continue working with people, businesses and communities affected by the 2019 North Queensland Monsoon Trough, 2019-20 Black Summer Bushfires and drought. It will also start the important work of supporting the long-term recovery of communities in NSW and Queensland hit by the March storms and floods.
- To find out more about the Agency, including how to contact your local Recovery Support Officer, visit [www.recovery.gov.au](http://www.recovery.gov.au)

***If asked what the Agency is specifically responsible for***

- The National Recovery and Resilience Agency works with affected communities and all levels of government, industry and not-for-profit organisations. It is also at the forefront of driving efforts to minimise the impact of future disasters.
- The Agency is responsible for natural disaster resilience and risk reduction, and all hazards relief and recovery.
- As well as continuing to work with people, businesses and communities affected by the 2019 North Queensland Monsoon Trough, 2019-20 Black Summer Bushfires and drought, the Agency will start the important work of supporting the long term recovery of communities in NSW and Queensland hit by the March storms and floods.
- The Agency immediately brings together, and builds on the success of, the former National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency and the National Bushfire Recovery Agency.
- From 1 July, the Agency will incorporate the disaster risk reduction and recovery functions from Department of Home Affairs and its regional network will take on responsibility for management of the Rural Financial Counselling Program from the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.
- For now, it continues overseeing the grants for communities recovering from the 2019 North Queensland Monsoon Trough, and for communities recovering from the 2019-20 Black Summer Bushfires, including the \$2 billion National Bushfire Recovery Fund.
- The Agency will also design and deliver:
  - the new \$600 million Preparing Australia Program to improve long-term resilience of Australian communities and households, and
  - the \$4.5 million National Capability Package to help regional communities prepare for high-risk hazards, including by providing accredited training for people working in disaster recovery and foster greater coordination across all levels of government when responding to a natural disaster.

- From 1 July, the Agency will take on a range of responsibilities, including leading the implementation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework, administering Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, and advising the Minister on the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Allowance and Disaster Recovery Payment.

***If asked about the timing of the new Agency***

- In November 2020, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said a national recovery, relief and resilience agency would be established by 1 July, as part of the Australian Government's response to the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements.
- By immediately bringing together the former National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency and the National Bushfire Recovery Agency, we've been able to establish the National Recovery and Resilience Agency earlier than we'd originally committed.
- Our priority is ensuring people who've been through terrible events like flood, bushfire, and the enduring drought are supported in the days, weeks and years ahead.
- The recent natural disasters emphasised the need to bring the expertise of the two national recovery agencies together as soon as possible.
- For example, many of the areas hit by the recent floods in NSW and Queensland are still recovering from last year's bushfires. Some have been also dealing with the effects of a long and difficult drought.
- These all need to be factored into the locally-led recovery, so that people can talk to the Agency about all the Australian Government assistance available to them for their specific situation.

***If asked what this means for communities currently served by the two merging agencies***

- Our priority is ensuring people who've been through terrible events like flood, bushfire, and the enduring drought are supported in the days, weeks and years ahead.
- There will be no disruption to how the former National Drought and Flood Agency and the National Bushfire Recovery Agency supported communities.
- Both Agencies had a strong 'boots on the ground' network of Recovery Support Officers and this continues with the National Recovery and Resilience Agency.
- In line with its guiding principle of locally-led recovery the Agency will continue supporting communities affected by the 2019 North Queensland Monsoon Trough, the 2019-20 Black Summer Bushfires and drought.

- It will also start the important work of supporting the long term recovery of communities in NSW and Queensland hit by the March storms and floods.
- To find out more about the Agency, including how to contact your local Recovery Support Officer, visit [www.recovery.gov.au](http://www.recovery.gov.au)

***If asked why RFCS is moving to the new Agency (from 1 July)***

- We have a customer-focussed, 'no wrong door' approach where everyone who will work with affected communities are part of the same team, working together to support communities as they recover from natural disaster and drought and as they prepare for future challenges.
- The Rural Financial Councillors are an incredibly important Australian Government resource in regional communities. They provide business planning and drought resilience support and help primary producers and farmers to apply for assistance like grants and Farm Household Allowance.
- It makes sense for them to be part of the National Recovery and Resilience Agency team so that this on-the-ground support is seamless and complementary.
- The Small Business Support Pilot Program will also transfer to the Agency.

***If asked about drought***

- Through Recovery Support Officers and Rural Financial Counsellors, the Agency will continue making sure people know where they can go for assistance and advice as they recover from drought and put in place ways to minimise the impact of future droughts.
- From 1 July, policy responsibility for drought policy and programs will move to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, which is already responsible for a range of drought programs, including the \$5 billion Future Drought Fund. Our staff in the regions will remain focused on the needs of drought affected communities.
- Drought remains a top priority for Government, and there will be no reduction in support.
- The Agency will continue providing feedback to Government on the effectiveness of the Future Drought Fund and other programs designed to support people and communities living with, as they recovery from, and as they prepare for future droughts.

***If asked about Mr Colvin***

- Andrew Colvin was appointed the Coordinator of the National Bushfire Recovery Agency on 6 January 2020.

- This was a two year appointment to lead and coordinate the national response to rebuilding communities affected by the 2019-20 bushfires.
- With the establishment of the National Recovery and Resilience Agency, Mr Colvin's responsibilities are transferred to the National Coordinator-General for Recovery and Resilience, Shane Stone.
- I thank Andrew for his leadership and the work he's done leading recovery from these terrible bushfires which had a devastating impact across Queensland, NSW, Victoria and South Australia.

***If asked about the existing grants and programs managed by the former agencies***

- The work undertaken by the former National Drought and Flood Agency and National Bushfire Recovery Agency continues – there is no change.
- This includes rolling out grants for the North Queensland communities recovering from the 2019 Monsoon Trough, the recently announced Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants and other initiatives that are part of the Australian Government's \$2 billion National Bushfire Recovery Fund.
  - The National Recovery and Resilience Agency will design and manage the new \$600 million Preparing Australia Program to improve long-term resilience of Australian communities and households.

***If asked about the impact of climate change on the frequency and intensity of natural disasters and drought***

- Floods, bushfires, cyclones and drought have always been a part of the Australian landscape, and in recent times hazards like the COVID-19 pandemic have significantly impacted our way of life.
- The Government recognises that climate change is an underlying driver of disaster risk. If the projected physical effects of climate change combine with a growing population, more Australians will be at risk of natural hazards and the cost of disasters will continue to grow.

***If asked about 'resilience'***

- It's time to build on what works well and have the courage to do things differently where changes are needed.
- Resilience means different things to different communities.
- In line with the National Recovery and Resilience Agency's guiding principle of 'Locally led, locally understood and locally implemented', it's important that each community defines what aspects of 'resilience' are most important to them.

- The National Recovery and Resilience Agency will consider 'risk and resilience' through the many of lenses – social, environmental, structural and economic.

***If asked about whether enough is being done re climate change, to reduce disaster risk***

- The Government recognises that climate change is an underlying driver of disaster risk. If the projected physical effects of climate change combine with a growing population, more Australians will be at risk of natural hazards and the cost of disasters will continue to grow.
  - Importantly, we as a Nation need to understand disaster risk and make the necessary changes to reduce our exposure and vulnerability to the natural hazards which will become more frequent and intense as a result of a changing climate.
- Against this backdrop, we have established the Australian Climate Service to meet the information needs of the enhanced EMA, and the National Recovery and Resilience Agency.
- Improved information is critical to reducing natural disaster risks and in effective recovery, and the Service will provide the data, information, capabilities and advice to manage climate and natural disaster risk.
- The capabilities of the Service will provide the enhanced EMA– and the new Agency– with climate and disaster risk information and analysis to support operations to make the decisions needed to build resilience and aid recovery when event occur.
- The events of the 2019-20 bushfire season in particular compel us to re-examine how we prepare for and manage emergencies, to look closely at lessons learned from this and previous years and what they mean for the future.
- Above all, the Australian Government remains firmly committed to assisting the States and Territories improve their emergency management arrangements by enhancing Australia's resilience to disasters.

***If asked about people still living in tents or caravans after the 2019-20 bushfires***

- There's no doubt communities are still doing it tough after the fires. There's no getting away from that.
- There is help though. Anyone who lost their primary residence in the fires is eligible for emergency accommodation.
- In some cases people have elected to remain on their properties in various forms of temporary accommodation, including caravans.

- Support is also being offered and provided to anyone that wishes to stay and care for their property. This may be in the form of the Minderoo Foundation's temporary accommodation pods or other transportable accommodation.
- We will continue to liaise with state governments and affected people to ensure they receive support and assistance regarding their accommodation choices and encourage anyone who needs assistance to come forward.

***If asked about fears of political influence in where bushfire money is directed (eg Bushfire Local Economic Recovery grants in NSW)***

- Disasters strike people of all persuasions, regardless of who they vote for.
- My agency and I are focused on helping people who need help, full stop.
- With the new agency integrating the work of bushfire, drought and north Queensland flood recovery, there are lots of programs rolling out in different ways. Some are well progress, and others are in early days.
- That mix of support is appropriate given how varied people's needs are and how complex recovery is.
- There's different rules for each measure, but I promise you – who you vote for is not one of the criteria.

**If pushed on allocation of Bushfire Local Economic Recovery grants in NSW**

- In NSW, LER funding is a staged program which is not yet complete. The final set of successful projects may not be known until mid year 2021.
- There is still \$250 million to be allocated under the NSW Bushfire LER Fund. (as at 28 April 2021) The guidelines are clear that funding will be prioritised and committed to areas most impacted by the fires and that geographical spread of projects will be taken into consideration.

***If asked why money is going to big business for bushfire recovery (eg \$10 million bushfire grant to Visy)***

- When the Black Summer fires hit, they stripped away normal life for so many people.
- Homes and workplaces were lost. Small businesses and primary producers took a huge hit.
- For many people, their regular pay cheque disappeared just when they needed it most.

- Getting local economies back on their feet and workers back in jobs is a big part of recovery.
  - That means working with businesses large and small, alongside the individuals and community groups that play an important role in bushfire recovery.

*If pushed on the Visy grant:*

- Among the bushfire Local Economic Recovery projects approved so far in NSW, there is one run by Visy Pulp and Paper (\$10 million in total LER funding, half of which comes from the Australian Government).
- All projects that are funded meet the LER guidelines. The Commonwealth has entrusted state agencies, such as Regional NSW, to undertake the important local consultations and community engagement to determine local long-term economic priorities, and to ensure that funded projects are consistent with these.
- The purpose of the LER program is to support the long-term economic capacity and aspirations of bushfire impacted communities. Every successful LER project is informed by this locally led, locally determined approach and is in line with local community priorities.

***If asked about community mental health and whether enough services are available***

- The impact of a disaster on people's wellbeing – as individuals and as communities - has been profound.
- It's normal to have strong emotional and physical reactions after a significant event. There is no right or wrong way to feel.
- When you look at the bushfires from 2019 and 2020, support for emotional and mental health is a big part of recovery.
- Services are layered so people can get help at their own pace, in their local area, in a way that feels right for them. We know people may not feel the full emotional impacts of a disaster until many months later.
- Anyone living in an area heavily affected by the fires, can access up to 10 free counselling sessions.
- The counselling sessions are provided by local services arranged through the Primary Health Network (PHN) in their area, and are completely confidential.

- People who have been affected by the bushfires, are eligible to receive Medicare rebates for up to 10 psychological therapy sessions without needing a mental health treatment plan. These can be face to face or via telehealth.
- They do not need a GP referral, diagnosed mental health condition or mental health treatment plan to access these sessions. People can book directly with an eligible psychologist, occupational therapist, social worker or GP in their area.
- For more information about how to access the free counselling in your area have a look at our website – [recovery.gov.au/recovery-support/mental-health-and-wellbeing](https://recovery.gov.au/recovery-support/mental-health-and-wellbeing)
- Lifeline’s dedicated bushfire crisis line is available 24/7 – call [13 HELP \(13 43 57\)](tel:134357)
- There’s also free, specialist mental health services for emergency services workers and their families. Visit [recovery.gov.au/recovery-support/mental-health-and-wellbeing](https://recovery.gov.au/recovery-support/mental-health-and-wellbeing)

***If asked about whether the Commonwealth is needed in this space, which is traditionally a state responsibility***

- The Royal Commission recommended the Australian Government establish a standing relief, recovery and resilience agency, to build on the good work already done by the Commonwealth in bushfire and flood recovery.
- That’s what we’ve done, and the Government is backing it up with extra investment in mitigation, including the \$600 million Preparing Australia Program announced by the Prime Minister.
- There is now a consolidated, enduring national Agency to support recovery and resilience for communities impacted by natural disasters, drought and other hazards, with a strong on-the-ground presence and a guiding principle of locally-led recovery, risk reduction and preparedness.
- As the Royal Commission noted, no single government or organisation controls all the levers when it comes to disasters.
- Leadership and national coordination is crucial – because disasters don’t respect state borders or local government boundaries.
- We must – and we will - work together.

***If asked spending from the National Bushfire Recovery Fund (more than \$2 billion)***

- The Australian Government’s National Bushfire Recovery Fund is worth more than \$2 billion – the new grants program is included in this funding.
- To date, \$2.3 billion in Australian Government support has been provided to help bushfire affected communities, including more than \$1.6 billion spent so far from the National Bushfire Recovery Fund.

- For more information on support provided to date, visit <https://www.bushfirerecovery.gov.au/funding>

***If asked about recent announcements of grants programs, before detail is available (eg 'here for the photo opp, not the follow up')***

- When there's new money to come, the Government is telling people early, so they've got time to think and prepare.
- The Minister recently announced a new bushfire grants program – the \$280 million Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants program to address community priorities for recovery from the 2019-20 bushfires.
- The government is working through the criteria and processes now, to make it as simple and flexible as possible for communities.
- There will be more info available mid-year, but the Government is flagging the new program nice and early, to give people time to think about the kinds of projects they want funded in their area.
- Similarly, the Government has announced the \$600 million Preparing Australia Program to improve long-term resilience of Australian communities and households.
- It will fund projects such as bushfire- and cyclone-proofing houses, building levees and improving telecommunications – projects which lessen the economic, environmental and social impact of the next large-scale event.
- This program is expected to open at the end of this year and the National Recovery and Resilience Agency will work with stakeholders to develop the program's guidelines so that the solutions are locally-led.

### **3. PREPARING AUSTRALIA PROGRAM**

- The Australian Government is investing heavily in disaster risk reduction with the \$600 million Preparing Australia Program to improve long-term resilience of Australian communities and households.
- The program will support both public and private risk reduction to decrease the overall risk and cost for recovery support following future disasters.
- It will fund projects such as bushfire- and cyclone-proofing houses, building levees and improving telecommunications – projects which lessen the economic, environmental and social impact of the next large-scale event.

- The program's expected to open by the end of the year – further details will be available soon.
- It will be designed and managed by the National Recovery and Resilience Agency. Stakeholders will be consulted over the coming months to ensure the program is locally led and informed.

#### **Key points**

- \$600 m over 6 years from 2021-22
- Delivered in partnership with AusIndustry Business Grants Hub
- We aim to open the first round of the program in late 2021. There will be two streams:
  - The **Public risk reduction – Preparing Australian Communities Program stream**, will support projects of local significance, through grants of \$500,000 to \$10 million, as well as projects of national significance, with grants of between \$5 million to \$50 million.
  - The **Private risk reduction – Preparing Australian Homes Program stream** will provide grants of \$5,000 to \$30,000 to increase home resilience and reduce individual disaster risk.

#### ***If asked about the program's aims***

- The Preparing Australia Program will invest in a pipeline of private and public risk reduction projects that mitigate the impact of future disasters.
- This aims to decrease the overall risk for recovery support following future disasters.
- Risk mitigation is key to limiting the impacts of disasters, and is enhancing our focus on risk reduction is a key focus of the Royal Commission. It means knowing what could possibly happen and putting in place measures to reduce the impact.
- The program's being managed by the National Recovery and Resilience Agency, who looks forward

#### ***If asked how this is different from the Emergency Response Fund***

- Although the ERF can be used to annually fund up to \$50 million in risk reduction initiatives, this is not enough to make a large-scale impact that can reduce future disaster recovery cost. The ERF funds medium cost projects. Preparing Australia complements the ERF and is able to fund larger projects.

#### ***If asked will this drive down insurance costs?***

- Our hope is that this significant investment by the Australian Government in ways to mitigate or reduce risk and minimise the impact of future natural disasters will encourage insurance companies to review their premiums.

#### **4. NATIONAL TRAINING PACKAGE**

- The \$4.5 million National Capability Package will focus on building skills in disaster response and recovery, and strengthen cooperation and collaboration across all levels of government.
- There are three elements:

##### **National Recovery Training Program**

- The Agency develop a new nationally accredited training program for disaster recovery practitioners to professionalise recovery capability.
- The Agency will work the Department of Education, Skills and Employment and engage the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC) to develop the program for rollout in 2022.
- It's important that we all train and prepare for recovery.
- This training program will be offered for a large range of people involved in recovery – including those working in government, local governments, charities, and in communities.

##### **Resilience Hub Pilots**

- The Agency will establish two pilot Resilience Hubs will integrate all levels of Government to coordinate regional training and capability development. We know that for recovery, relief and resilience to work well, all levels of government need to work together.
- We look forward to talking with our state and local government colleagues about the pilot Hub locations, which we'll announce in the coming months.
- This also reinforces the government's commitment to decentralisation and regional jobs.
- Implementation in late 2021.
- \$3.9m over 2021-22 and 2022-23.

##### **Regional Recovery Exercising**

- Working hand-in-hand with Emergency Management Australia and jurisdictions, the Agency will develop a new recovery exercising program to support regional communities prepare for high-risk hazards.
- The Royal Commission found that exercising often varied across jurisdictions. It's important the Commonwealth plays a leadership role to better prepare for significant disaster events.
- The program will be developed in 2021-22.

- Agency to hold first exercises mid-2022, in close collaboration with Emergency Management Australia.

## 5. EMA ENHANCEMENTS

- The Australian Government is improving the way we support states and territories to respond to national scale disasters and those Australians in need in the days, weeks, and months following a disaster, and helping build community resilience for the future.
- An enhanced Emergency Management Australia will improve our ability to have near real time situational awareness, manage and respond to national scale disasters with states and territories.
- These enhancements include
  - a hazards National Situation Room, providing a common operating picture of situational awareness data and impact analysis to key decision makers;
  - a National multi-agency emergency management exercising capability to test the nation's disaster management capabilities to ensure we are well prepared to manage catastrophic disasters to ensure the community is safe and protected;
  - Developing a Capability Plan to establish options for a national emergency management stockpile of critical disaster stores, enabling the Australian Government to respond rapidly to crises as they evolve, thereby saving lives and reducing harm.
- This connected suite of practical reforms provides the integrated approach required to deliver an enhanced national preparedness and response entity.
- It implements key recommendations from the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements. A central pillar of the Government's response to the final report of the Royal Commission is enhancing and strengthening national coordination arrangements within Emergency Management Australia to streamline requests for Australian Government assets to assist states and territories in their preparation and response to disasters.

### Enhancements to Emergency Management Australia

- Emergency Management Australia is well established as Australia's national disaster management organisation and is the Australian Government's current focal point for risk

reduction, situational awareness, emergency preparedness, crisis management, and disaster recovery.

- The rapid establishment of the National Coordination Mechanism during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the benefits of a coordinated whole-of-nation response to national crises.
- Now is the time to build on this model and permanently strengthen the Commonwealth's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies of a national scale.
- The Royal Commission acknowledged natural disasters are expected to become more complex, more unpredictable and more difficult to manage and has recommended enhancements to the national emergency response capability.
- Enhancements to EMA are required to strengthen its role in assisting states and territories in their preparation and response efforts and coordinating requests for Australian Government assistance.
- The on-the-ground operational response to emergencies will remain the responsibility of the states and territories. The Australian Government will continue to provide national leadership, coordination and access to capabilities and resources only available to Australian Government agencies.

## 6. AUSTRALIAN CLIMATE SERVICE

- In the last three years Australia has experienced record-breaking heatwaves, devastating bushfires, major flooding, damaging hailstorms and its most severe droughts since records began.
- Better anticipating, preparing for and responding to a changing climate and more extreme weather events will protect Australian lives and livelihoods.
- A new, world-class national climate service is set to give the Government even more detailed climate and disaster information from our best and brightest scientists, to help us better anticipate, manage and adapt to climate impacts.
- The Australian Climate Service will generate new information and insights that are required to understand future climate and natural disaster risks and ensure we make better decisions on things like what to build and where.
- The Service builds on the expertise of the Bureau of Meteorology, Geoscience Australia, CSIRO and the Australian Bureau of Statistics in a new powerful partnership to support action for this generation and the next.
- The Australian Climate Service will support the National Recovery and Resilience and Emergency Management Agency prepare and respond to natural disasters.
- The Service will make our investment in the National Recovery and Resilience Agency and Emergency Management Australia more effective, by providing them with an information and data engine to inform best practice decision-making.
  - The Service will help us understand what assets are at risk of during a disaster.
  - The Service provide timely information product to guide efficient relief and recovery programs.
  - The Service will help forecast the types of natural disasters we will face in the future. This type of advice will inform delivery of our [\$600 million Preparing Australia Program] and help us monitor resilience building over time.
- The Service responds to critical gaps identified by the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements.
- The Service, as part of the Emergency Management Reforms, will help reduce future costs and impacts of natural disasters.

- Natural Disasters already cost an average of \$18 billion per year, and this is projected to increase to more than \$39 billion per year in future if we don't take action.

***If asked – why does it cost so much to establish?***

- The Service is a significant step up in climate and natural disaster information and insights from where we are today.
- This Australian Climate Service will:
  - develop new and updated national climate projections,
  - provide information to target recovery at affected businesses and people using new ABS location enabled data,
  - assess freight disruption and anticipate flow on impacts for communities and businesses before natural disasters occur,
  - provide analysis to focus resilience investments at priority communities and assets, and reduce the need for future recovery.
  - Undertake analysis of social and economic impacts and risks and a 5 yearly national risk assessment.
- Other nations are developing similar types of information capabilities. By comparison the Australian Climate Service is a targeted and efficient investment designed to address the specific gaps identified by the Royal Commission.
  - For example the EU has invested over 8 billion euros over the last decade to development of its Copernicus climate service and satellite capabilities.

***If asked – why is ongoing funded needed?***

- The services required to fill the information gaps identified by the Royal Commission will take several years of work to develop and customer requirements will be ongoing.
- Services are needed not just when disasters occur but at all times so that we can enhance preparedness and support action to build the resilience of communities.
  - This is a similar approach to the delivery of drought policies and programs. We need to build resilience in the good years so that communities are prepared when disasters happen.

NDNQFRRRA – Townsville event (Wednesday 5 May 2021)

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Departure: 10:15am	Arrival: 12:25pm
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ACCOMMODATION	
Booking Reference: 2329740	
Hotel Address: The Ville Resort and Casino 67 Sir Leslie Thies Dr, Townsville Ph (07) 4722 233	
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TRAVEL PROGRAM – Wednesday 5 May	
Flight details: TSV-BNE (VA382)	
Airline Booking Reference: 695X6E	
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Guest: s22

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ACCOMMODATION	
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Hotel Address: The Ville Resort and Casino 67 Sir Leslie Thies Dr, Townsville Ph (07) 4722 233	
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Booking Reference: AOGVLN0570	
Hotel Address: Oaks Brisbane on Felix, Felix St, Brisbane Ph 1300 663 619	
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Guest: s22

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ACCOMMODATION	
Booking Reference: AOGVLN6725	
Hotel Address: Rydges Southbank Townsville, 23 Palmer St, Townsville Ph (07) 4726 5265	
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Airline Booking Reference: 5FGG5G	
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Check in: Tuesday 4 May	Check Out: Wednesday 5 May

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Flight details: TVL- BNE (QF753)	
Booking Reference:6LF5N9B	
Departure: 9:05am	Arrival: 10:45pm
Uber/Taxi to airport	

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Departure: 11:15am	Arrival: 1:40pm

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Booking Reference:6LF5N9B	
Departure: 3:10pm	Arrival: 4:15pm

Guest: s22

TRAVEL PROGRAM – Tuesday 4 May	
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Airline Booking Reference: 595DJC	
Departure: 10:00	Arrival: 11:55
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ACCOMMODATION	
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**NATIONAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

<b>Purpose:</b> Visit to Townsville to announce the National Recovery and Resilience Agency and additional Disaster Resilience Reform package measures	<b>Timing and Venue:</b> Tuesday 4 May Itinerary to be confirmed (refer <a href="#">Attachment A</a> ).
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**Our Proposed Objectives:**

- Announce the establishment of the National Recovery and Resilience Agency (the Agency), led by the Hon Shane Stone, AC QC.
- Announce the \$600 million Preparing Australia Program to improve long-term resilience of Australian communities and households.
- Announce the \$4.5 million National Capability Package which will focus on building skills in disaster response and recovery, and strengthen cooperation and collaboration across all levels of government.
- Announce the new Australian Climate Service which will generate new information and insights that will better inform policy development, program design and better understand future climate and natural disaster risks.
- Announce the new Enhancing the Emergency Management Authority package which will permanently strengthen the Commonwealth’s ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies of a national scale.
- Demonstrate that the Government is acting on recommendations from the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements, which called for a national agency focussed on resilience, relief and recovery, that champions risk reduction.
- Demonstrate the Government’s intent to shift the focus from response and recovery to a greater emphasis on strengthening resilience and reducing risk.
- Highlight the Government’s continued commitment to supporting individuals, businesses and communities recover from, and build resilience to, natural disasters, drought and other hazards.
- In line with its Executive Orders and Government direction, the new Agency will be responsible for supporting the long term recovery and resilience of communities impacted by the 2019 North Queensland Monsoon Trough, the 2019-20 Black Summer Bushfires and drought. An overview of the Australian Government’s support for these communities is at [Attachment B](#).
- An overlay of the areas affected by the 2019 North Queensland Monsoon Trough, the 2019-20 Black Summer Bushfires, the 2021 Eastern Australia Storms and Floods and drought is at [Attachment C](#).

**Key Points:**

- On 13 November 2020, you announced the Government's intention to establish a new national agency focussed on resilience and recovery by 1 July 2021, in response to a key recommendation from the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements.
- The Agency was part of a package of major measures outlined in the Government's response, "A national approach to national disasters", also released in November 2020.
- At the 15 April 2021 meeting of the Federal Executive Council, the Governor-General signed Executive Orders to rename and expand the National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency (NDNQFRA) to form the new National Recovery and Resilience Agency, effective from the date of gazettal.
- The Agency will be responsible for designing and administering the \$600 million Preparing Australia Program (PAP) and the \$4.5 million National Capability Program agreed by the Expenditure Review Committee of Cabinet (ERC) on 30 March 2021.

*National Recovery and Resilience Agency*

- The new Agency, led by the Hon Shane Stone, AC QC, immediately brings together the former NDNQFRA and the National Bushfire Recovery Agency (NBRA).
- The Agency will drive the reduction of natural disaster risk, enhance natural disaster resilience, and ensure effective relief and recovery to all hazards across Australia.
- At the time of its establishment, it will be responsible for overseeing the grants for communities recovering from the 2019 North Queensland Monsoon Trough, and for communities recovering from the 2019-20 Black Summer Bushfires, including the \$2 billion National Bushfire Recovery Fund. At the appropriate time and in consultation with EMA and Resilience NSW, it will also assume responsibility for the long-term recovery of communities affected by the recent storms and floods in NSW and Queensland.
- The Agency will also manage the new \$600 million Preparing Australia Program to improve long-term resilience of Australian communities and households and the \$4.5 million National Capability Package to help regional communities prepare for high-risk hazards; provide accredited training for people working in disaster recovery and foster greater coordination across all levels of government when responding to a natural disaster.
- From 1 July, additional responsibilities will be transferred to the new Agency, including leading the implementation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework, administering Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, and advising the Minister on the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Allowance and Disaster Recovery Payment. The Agency's regional footprint will also expand to include the Rural Financial Counselling Service currently managed by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE).
- From 1 July, whole of government drought policy and coordination functions will move out of the Agency into DAWE. The Agency will continue to be the primary point of engagement on the ground with communities on-the-ground about drought programs and assistance, in close consultation with DAWE.

*2019 North Queensland Monsoon Trough*

- In late January to early February 2019, a monsoon trough caused widespread flooding across northern and western Queensland. An estimated 457,000 head of cattle, 43,000 sheep and a number of goats were killed.
- The Government committed \$3.3 billion in support measures to help the region recover and build resilience.
- In October 2020, the Government released *After the flood: a strategy for long-term recover (the Strategy)*, which sets out a strategy for the regions' long-term recovery and future prosperity.
  - The Strategy was developed following extensive consultations with affected communities, including local governments, producers, businesses and individuals. It provides a blueprint that can be used to guide the recovery process and to strengthen the region's resilience to future disaster events.
  - To assist with the strategy's implementation, two Implementation Working Groups (IWGs) have been established to further enhance the agency's locally led approach.
- Further, as part of the 2020-21 Budget, Government announced a \$60 million package of measures to support the implementation of the strategy. This includes five new grant programs:
  - \$15.0 million over three years from 2020-21 for grants to support locally-led solutions that improve access to reliable and affordable telecommunications and energy
  - \$12.0 million over three years from 2020-21 for grants to improve disaster risks management planning and mitigation activities in the 14 most flood affected local government areas
  - \$9.0 million over three years from 2020-21 for economic diversification grants to support emerging industries, expansion of small scale industries or value adding of existing industry
  - \$2.0 million over four years from 2020-21 for preventative mental health programs for children in flood-affected areas
  - \$20.0 million over four years from 2020-2 to support locally-led recovery and resilience activities
  - \$2.0 million over four years from 2020-21 for grants administration.
- The restocking, replanting and on-farm infrastructure grants (RRIGs) – a \$400,000 co-contribution grant for primary producers in the flood-affected region – was also extended and will now be available until 30 June 2022.
- A full list of measures is at [Attachment D](#).

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*Drought*

- The Australian Government has a plan to help farmers and rural communities prepare for and manage through drought. The plan is focused on three themes:
  1. Immediate action for those in drought
  2. Support for the wider communities affected by drought
  3. Long-term resilience and preparedness.
- The Government has committed over \$10 billion across Australia since 2018-19 in drought support and resilience measures. A full list of measures, including detailed project information is at [Attachment E](#). The latest drought situation is at [Attachment F](#).
- As at 31 October 2020, the Australian Government has committed over \$597 million in drought support to Queensland, across 17 measures.
- The \$5 billion Future Drought Fund is a long-term, sustained investment, providing \$100 million each year to build drought resilience, and help farmers and communities with the tools they need to prepare for, manage and sustain their livelihoods through droughts.
  - The Government is rolling out the first year of foundational programs, including recently announcing the successful providers of the Networks to Build Drought Resilience and Drought Resilience Leaders programs, and the 68 organisations sharing in \$13.4 million under the Natural Resource Management program.
  - In April 2021, the Government announced eight successful Future Drought Fund Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hubs across Australia, under the \$88 million Drought Resilience Research and Adoption Program. James Cook University is the 'hub lead' in Tropical North Queensland Hub and University of Southern Queensland is the 'hub lead' for Southern Queensland and Northern NSW Hub.

*2019/20 Black Summer Bushfires*

- On 6 January 2020, the National Bushfire Recovery Agency (the Agency) was established by the Australian Government. The Agency has led and coordinated the national response to rebuilding communities affected by the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires.
- The Agency is led by the National Coordinator, Mr Andrew Colvin APM OAM, former Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police. The National Coordinator reports to the Prime Minister through the Minister for Emergency Management, the Hon David Littleproud MP.
- The Black Summer bushfires meant that a national disaster of its scale required a nationally coordinated response.
- Solutions to rebuild, repair and re-establish impacted communities were designed and delivered with the community at the forefront.
- Through the \$2 billion National Bushfire Recovery Fund Agency programs have included mental health and wellbeing support services to those who suffered trauma, crucial debris clean-up for properties, critical infrastructure rebuilding including roads and support for farmers, small businesses and local governments to get back on their feet.

- While \$1.6 billion of the National Bushfire Recovery Fund has been spent (as at 31 March 2021), a number of measures are still running. This includes the \$280 million Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program which was recently announced by Minister Littleproud.
- The Agency worked closely with experts, non-government organisations at the national, state and local level to ensure a successful, coordinated effort.
- A map of the burnscar and the Local Government Areas that were declared as a result is at [Attachment G](#).

#### *2021 Eastern Australia storms and floods*

- A series of storms and floods swept through New South Wales and Southern Queensland in February and March 2021, causing extensive damage. Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) have been activated for 63 local government areas in NSW and 12 in Queensland.
- On 25 March 2021, Minister for Drought, Agriculture and Emergency Management David Littleproud announced that the Hon Shane Stone, AC QC, would lead the long-term recovery.
- In NSW
  - The Australian Disaster Recovery Payment and Disaster Recovery Allowance are available to eligible people in 64 local government areas. As at 22 April 2021, more than \$263 million had been paid.
  - As at 21 April, 590 applications for the disaster recovery grants for primary producers (up to \$75,000) have been received.
  - As at 21 April, 114 applications for disaster recovery grants for small businesses (up to \$50,000) have been received.
  - Reported agriculture damage is approx. \$74.2 million to date (Resilience NSW figures) and this is expected to rise exponentially as property is assessed. Expected to be in excess of \$100 million across all industries in impacted regions (incl infrastructure, fencing, sheds, machinery, pasture, fodder etc.).
- In Queensland
  - Disaster Assistance loans, Disaster Assistance (working Capital) loans and freight subsidies are available for primary producers in the Goondiwindi Regional Council area.
  - The biggest impact to the cotton crop has been in the Texas region on the Dumaresq and McIntyre Rivers, Queensland. Around 800 of 900 hectares in the area was inundated with significant damage (60 to 70% loss). Other areas that had been inundated and water receded may get boll rot resulting in yield reductions of around 1 bale per hectare (around 5 to 15% loss).

*2021 Tropical Cyclones*

- Already in 2021 there have been three cyclones that have led to the activation of DRFA funding for a number of LGAs across Australia:
  - Tropical Cyclone Imogen: Carpentaria, Croydon, Etheridge and Mornington LGAs can access assistance (including counter disaster operations and restoration of damaged essential public assets) for Tropical Cyclone Imogen, which impacted parts of North Queensland from 2-5 January 2021.
  - Tropical Cyclone Niran: Burdekin, Cairns, Cassowary Coast, Hinchinbrook, Palm Island, Yarrabah, Mareeba and Tablelands LGAs can access assistance (including counter disaster operations, restoration of damaged essential public assets and disaster assistance [primary producers] loans, disaster assistance [essential working capital] loans scheme for primary producers, and freight subsidies for primary producers) for Tropical Cyclone Niran and associated low pressure system from 25 February to 3 March 2021.
  - Ex-Tropical Cyclone Seroja: Carnamah, Chapman Valley, Corrow, Dalwallinu, Dandaragan, Greater Geraldton, Mingenew, Morawa, Mount Marshall, Northampton, Perenjori, Shark Bay and Three Springs LGAs can access a range of DRFA measures following Ex-Tropical Cyclone Seroja on 11 March 2021.
- 2020-21 La Nina conditions mean that widespread flooding and above average numbers of tropical cyclones may continue. Impacts associated with La Nina, such as above average rainfall, are expected to persist across eastern and northern Australia over summer.

**Sensitivities:**

- Announcement may generate calls for more action on climate change, to address disaster risks upstream
- Merger of agencies may raise fears that the new agency signals a backdown of Australian Government support to those impacted by the floods, bushfire and drought, particularly when some communities believe they have a long way to go with their recovery.
- Questions about the Commonwealth's role in disaster management, where do the states fit with the new agency, this may be perceived as a takeover.
- Questions about the early departure of National Bushfire Recovery Coordinator, Mr Andrew Colvin APM OAM. Mr Colvin was appointed for a two-year term in January 2019.
- Community expectations about the level of funding and timing of the new funding, including the \$600 million Preparing Australia Program, will need to be carefully managed.
- Claims the new Agency may increase red tape to already fatigued communities.
- Preferred providers for the Rural Financial Counselling Service were recently announced, this will be the first they have heard that reporting arrangements will change.

- Communities affected by drought may perceive there will be a reduction in support, as the drought policy responsibilities of the former NDNQFRRRA return to the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment from 1 July.
- Although the \$600 million Preparing Australia Program is being announced, the program needs to be carefully designed and consulted on with stakeholders before opening for applications in late 2021. Noting the nature of the program (including private building works) it is critical that rollout is not rushed.
- Townsville was heavily impacted by the 2019 North Queensland Monsoon Trough, with the local council, small businesses, primary producers and not-for-profits in the region accessing more than \$50 million across a range of funding programs, including:

Program	Townsville LGA
Approved Restocking, Replanting and On-farm Infrastructure Grants (RRIG)	7 applications approved, worth \$533,665 (as at 26 April 2021)
Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for <u>Primary Producers</u> (up to \$75,000)	114 applications under the primary producer stream have been approved to the value of \$5,926,910 (final figures, program now closed)
Special Disaster Assistance Recovery grants for <u>small businesses</u> (up to \$50,000)	824 applications under the small business stream have been approved to the value of \$12,034,632 (final figures, program now closed)
Special Disaster Recovery grants for <u>Not for Profit Organisations</u> (up to \$50,000)	101 application under the not-for-profit stream have been approved to the value of \$1,538,775 (final figures, program now closed)

- However, it is worth noting that there are still issues around insurance, labour and building supply shortages impacting on the city’s recovery.
- Likewise, there have been a number of negative media releases concerning the \$195 million committed by the Commonwealth to support stage two of the Houghton Pipeline with the state government stating the majority of the funding would be lost to GST. The reallocation of this funding has not yet been announced.
- There are also concerns around high crime rates, accessibility, availability and affordability of housing (rental) along with the impact of JobKeeper ending and the flow on effect it has had/will have on hospitality and tourism.

Contact officer:

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 Assistant Secretary  
 National Bushfire Recovery  
 Agency  
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**ATTACHMENT A**

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**ATTACHMENT B**

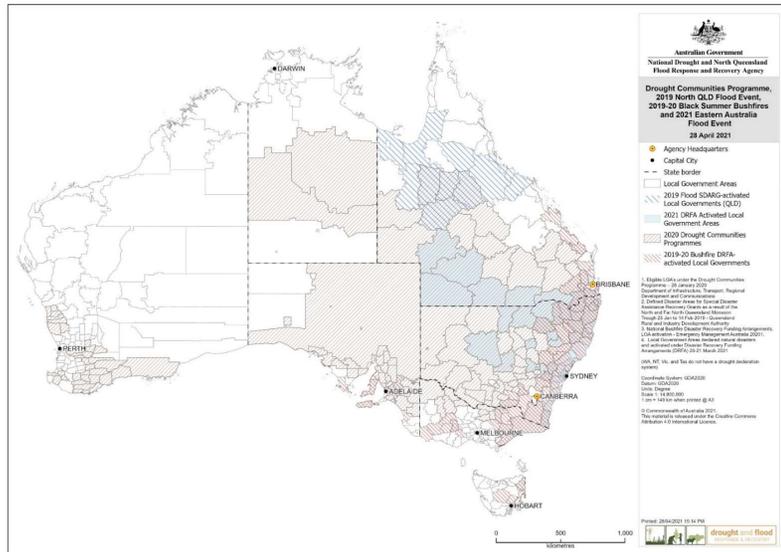
**OVERVIEW OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES  
IMPACTED BY THE 2019 NORTH QUEENSLAND MONSOON TROUGH, 2019-20  
BLACK SUMMER BUSHFIRES AND DROUGHT**

Refer infographic

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ATTACHMENT C

OVERLAY OF 2019 NORTH QUEENSLAND MONSOON TROUGH, 2019/20 BLACK SUMMER BUSHFIRES, 2021 EASTERN AUSTRALIA STORMS AND FLOODS AND DROUGHT



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## ATTACHMENT D

## FLOOD RESPONSE AND RECOVERY MEASURES

- The Australian Government committed \$3.3 billion to support the immediate response and long-term recovery of North Queensland. This includes:
  - \$232 million to the Queensland Government for disaster recovery, to jointly fund a range of measures, including \$75,000 Special Disaster Assistance Recovery grants for primary producers, \$50,000 Special Disaster Assistance Recovery grants for small businesses and not-for-profit organisations, and \$1 million to 11 flood-affected LGAs;
  - \$240 million to the Queensland Government to deliver restocking, replanting and on-farm infrastructure grants of up to \$400,000. As of 26 April 2021, \$71.4 million had been approved for 284 applications. Applications have been extended to 30 June 2022;
  - \$1 billion in AgRebuild loans for primary producers to be delivered through the Regional Investment Corporation. As at 31 March 2021, 65 loans have been approved worth \$182.5 million;
  - \$1.75 billion to support loans for authorised deposit taking institutions (NB: due to the positive response of the banking sector, this funding is no longer required and has been put 'on hold');
  - \$4.5 million to support education measures;
  - \$2.6 million to support mental health measures; and
  - \$5 million for Prickly Acacia Weed Management.
- A further \$151.7 million has also been provided through:
  - \$119.5 million to support individuals through demand-driven payments disaster recovery payments and allowances administered by the Department of Human Services (now Services Australia);
  - \$4.2 million in additional funding to the Primary Health Networks to support medium to long term flood recovery efforts; and
  - \$28.1 million to address gaps in radar network and flood monitoring infrastructure across QLD.
- To date, over \$850 million has been expended by the Australian Government as part of the flood response and recovery.
- In addition to the above measure, the Government released *After the Flood: A strategy for long-term recovery* (the Strategy) in October 2020. The Strategy is a blueprint for the regions' future, and identifies five key themes to support the long-term recovery of the region:
  - Broadening the economic base;
  - Building more resilient infrastructure;

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- Building prosperous enterprises;
- Fostering connected and cohesive communities; and
- Support information enabled regions.
- As part of the 2020-21 Budget, the Government announced a \$60 million package of measures to support implementation of the Strategy (NB: this funding is repurposed from the initial \$3.3 billion Australian Government commitment):
  - \$15.0 million over three years from 2020-21 for grants to support locally-led solutions that improve access to reliable and affordable telecommunications and energy, with the first round open for applications on 8 February 2021 and closing on 30 April 2021. All applicants will be notified of outcomes by 4 June 2021.
  - \$12.0 million over three years from 2020-21 for grants to improve disaster risks management planning and mitigation activities in the 14 most flood affected local government areas, with the first round open for EOI applications on 10 March 2021 and closed on 7 April 2021. Successful EOI applicants have since been invited to submit a full application. All applicants will be notified of outcomes by 30 June 2021.
  - \$9.0 million over three years from 2020-21 for economic diversification grants to support emerging industries, expansion of small scale industries or value adding of existing industry, with the first round open for EOI applications on 1 February 2021 and closed on 19 March 2021. Successful EOI applicants have since been invited to lodge a full application. All applicants will be notified of outcomes by 20 August 2021.
  - \$2.0 million over four years from 2020-21 for preventative mental health programs for children in flood-affected areas, with these new programs expected to be announced in April 2021.
  - \$20.0 million over four years from 2020-21 to support locally-led recovery and resilience activities, including \$857,000 under stream 1 specifically for the 14 most flood-affected LGAs to allocate to locally identified projects. Applications opened 16 December 2020 and closed 31 March 2021, with successful projects expected to be announced in May 2021. Stream 2 is expected to open in late May 2021.
  - \$2.0 million over four years for grants administration.

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**DROUGHT RESPONSE AND RECOVERY MEASURES**Immediate action for those in drought now*Farm Household Allowance*

- The Farm Household Allowance (FHA) provides income support and assistance to farmers who are suffering financial hardship.
  - Farmers can access up to four years of fortnightly income support (in every ten year period); as well as financial assessments, case management support, and funding for skills training and professional advice.
- More than \$86 million has been provided to FHA recipients in Queensland since 2018-19.

*Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS)*

- The RFCS provides free, confidential financial counselling services across regional Australia for farmers and related small businesses in hardship. Since 2016 the Commonwealth has allocated more than \$105 million to RFCS, including:
  - an additional \$15 million in January 2020 following the Black Summer bushfires and the ongoing drought; and
  - more than \$12.7 million to support small regional businesses impacted by bushfire, drought, and the impacts of COVID-19.
- On 28 April 2021, the Government announced the successful applicants to deliver the next \$56 million 2021-2024 round of RFCS.

*Regional Investment Corporation (RIC)*

- Funding available for farm and small business loans is \$4 billion. An additional \$50 million in operational funding was provided in mid-2020 to deliver on the increased demand for loans.
- AgriStarter Loan applications launched on 2 January 2021. Loans of up to \$2 million can be used to support new farmers to purchase, establish or develop their first farm business, or assist existing farm businesses with succession planning arrangements.

*On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme*

- In the 2020-21 Budget, the Government announced an additional \$50 million to expand the On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme (the Scheme). This is on top of an initial \$50 million commitment, bringing total Commonwealth funding to \$100 million. The expanded scheme introduces co-funding from states and territories to bolster funds available to drought-affected farmers. The EWIR has been extended for a period of 12 months (to 2021-22) to allow for continued negotiation, allocation and disbursement of the additional \$50 million.
  - Queensland is yet to confirm their agreement to the expanded scheme.

- The Scheme assist farmers with the costs of installing piping, tanks, bores, troughs, pumps and fittings and desilting.
- NB: the Queensland Government delivers their own Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme. The Commonwealth Scheme operates as a 25 per cent top-up to the Queensland scheme.

#### *Improving Great Artesian Basin Drought Resilience*

- The Australian Government has made \$27.6 million in funding available to Great Artesian Basin (GAB) state governments to implement a range of measures to improve water security through increasing artesian pressure for GAB water users.
- Queensland have recently signed an amended Project Agreement and Bilateral Schedule for \$9.1 million under the Improving Great Artesian Basin Drought Resilience Program. This will facilitate the flow of IGABDR funding to applicants on the ground.

#### *Mental health programs*

- The Government committed over \$29.9 million for drought mental health measures. These programs have now finished, but other mental health support (including telehealth support) is available through broader mental health initiatives.

#### *Drought Community Support Initiative (DCSI)*

- Eligible farming households can access up to \$3,000 in short-term financial assistance to meet urgent expenses, including food, petrol and utilities. The Government has committed over \$180 million to the DCSI since 2018.
- Applications for assistance supported by The Salvation Army have now closed, as funding has been exhausted. DCSI continues to be available through the St Vincent De Paul Society until funds are exhausted (or 31 December 2021). As of 1 May 2021, this includes that remaining funds can be used in the 91 eligible Local Government Areas for St Vincent De Paul, but also for the LGA's that were covered by The Salvation Army. As at 5 April 2021, \$127.8 million has been paid to 42,889 households under Round 2 of DCSI since November 2019.

#### *Other household assistance*

- In June 2019, the Government provided \$5 million to the Country Women's Association of Australia (CWA) to support drought affected households.
- In February 2020, the Government announced \$5 million each for the CWA and Rotary Australia to deliver the Drought Community Outreach Program (DCOP). Since that time, CWA were unable to accept the full \$5 million amount, and instead have agreed to deliver \$2.5 million in funding. Rotary are in negotiations to deliver the remaining \$2.5 million from the DCOP.
- As at 28 February 2021, Rotary had distributed 3,272 vouchers totalling \$1,636,000 in financial assistance.

*Weather information*

- The Government provided \$28 million over four years from 2019-20 (\$77.2 million over the life of the installations to 30 June 2042) for the Bureau of Meteorology to improve weather monitoring infrastructure capabilities in Queensland and New South Wales.
- The Government also provided \$2.7 million for the Bureau of Meteorology to develop new regional weather and climate guides to help farmers make decisions about crop planting and stocking levels.

*Pests and Weeds*

- The Government has committed \$25 million to the Communities Combating Pest and Weed Impacts During Drought Program. Round 1 saw \$15 million in 2018-19 committed towards 48 pest animal and weed management and wild dog exclusion fencing projects across 69 drought affected Local Government Areas. Round 2 saw a further \$10 million (\$3 million in 2019-20 and \$7 million in 2020-21) committed towards 23 pest and weed management projects across 33 drought affected LGAs.

2. Support for wider communities affected by drought*Drought Communities Programme Extension (DCPE)*

- The DCPE provides economic stimulus to communities experiencing hardship due to drought. Councils receive up to \$1 million to complete local infrastructure and other drought relief projects.
- Since 2018-19, the Government's total commitment under the DCPE is \$297 million across 180 eligible LGAs. As at the end of February 2021, 522 projects have been approved to a value of \$295.9 million.
- Townsville LGA is not eligible for DCPE funding..
- 27 LGAs in QLD have been eligible for DCPE.

*Roads to Recovery – DCPE funding*

- In November 2019, the Government announced \$138.9 million in additional Roads to Recovery funding for the 2020 calendar year for the 128 LGAs eligible for the DCPE.
  - Total funding allocation for Queensland under this is over \$33.3 million.

*Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) – Round Four (Special Drought Round)*

- The \$207 million Round Four of the BBRF prioritised projects in drought-affected communities. 163 projects were announced on 5 June 2020. Townsville did not receive any funds under BBRF Round 4.

*Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal*

- The Government has provided \$15 million to the Foundation's Tackling Tough Times Together program for community groups and non-profit groups in drought-affected regions. Projects are focused on issues including reducing social isolation, leadership

development and skills training, social and educational participation, and addressing disadvantage. A large number of grants have been provided across Queensland.

- Round 21 of the program is currently open and closes on 24 May 2021.

*Special Circumstances Fund and Early Childhood Learning*

- Special Circumstances Funding provides financial help to eligible schools when unexpected circumstances or events cause severe and temporary difficulty.
  - The Special Circumstances Funding has been fully expended, with Queensland benefiting from \$9,010,000 of available \$20 million in funding, as at 30 June 2020.
- \$5 million was provided from the Community Child Care Fund to support early learning centres in drought-affected areas and may be facing financial pressure and unable to pay for child care services.
  - As at 30 June 2020, Queensland benefited from \$2,094,997 of this available funding.

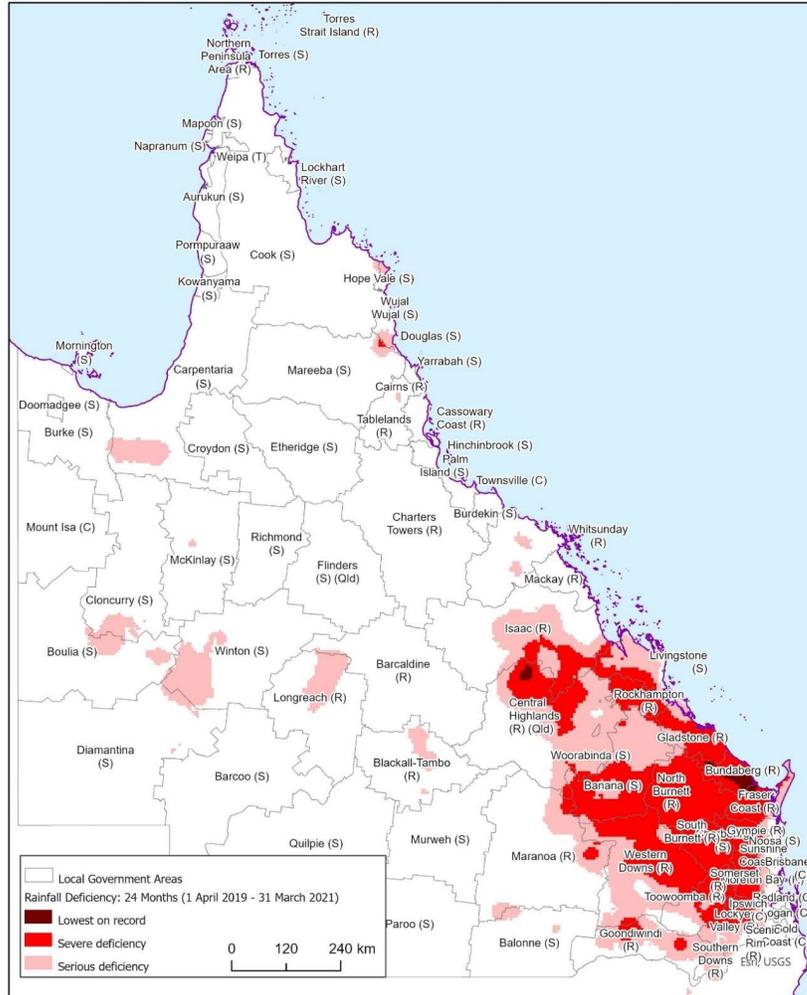
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## LATEST DROUGHT SITUATION

- Australia has experienced a prolonged period of below average rainfall spanning several years. Rainfall deficiencies have affected much of Australia since January 2017.
- Rainfall in the past month has contributed further to gradual recovery from longer term multi-year rainfall deficits in parts of Western Australia, while in Queensland shorter term deficits have eased but multi-year rainfall deficits persist.
- More rainfall is needed over an extended period to continue the recovery from the extended dry conditions of 2017 to 2019. Serious or severe rainfall deficiencies for the 12 month period April 2020 to March 2021 remain in pockets of WA, although recent rain has helped.
- In Queensland, following above average March rainfall in the state's south, the areas and intensity of rainfall deficiencies have also lessened substantially. Deficiencies still remain in the Capricornia, Wide Bay and Burnett districts.
- As at 1 February 2021, there were a total of 41 councils and 4 part council areas drought-declared by the Queensland Government, representing 67.4 per cent of the land area of Queensland. (NB: the Commonwealth Government does not declare drought-affected areas.)

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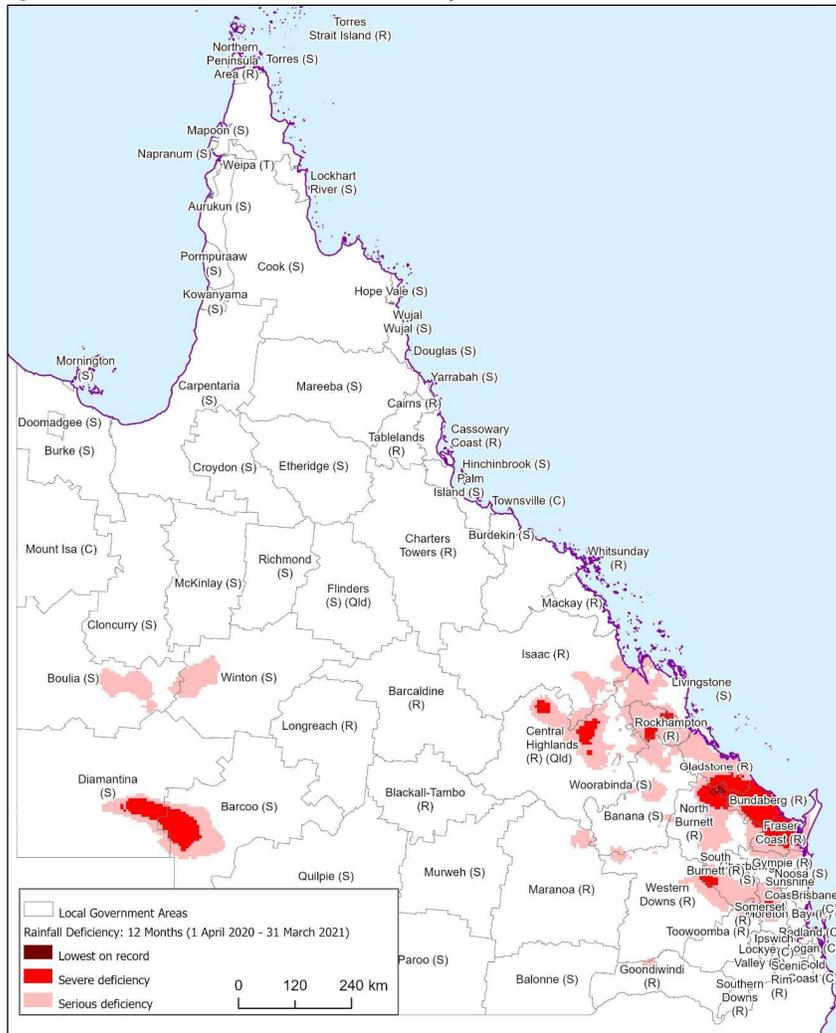
QLD Twenty-Four Months Rainfall Deficiency



1. National rainfall deficiency for 24 months from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2021 - Australian Bureau of Meteorology  
**Serious deficiency** is rainfall in the lowest 5-10% of historical totals  
**Severe deficiency** is rainfall in the lowest 5% of historical totals  
**Lowest on record** is lowest since at least 1900 when the data analysis began

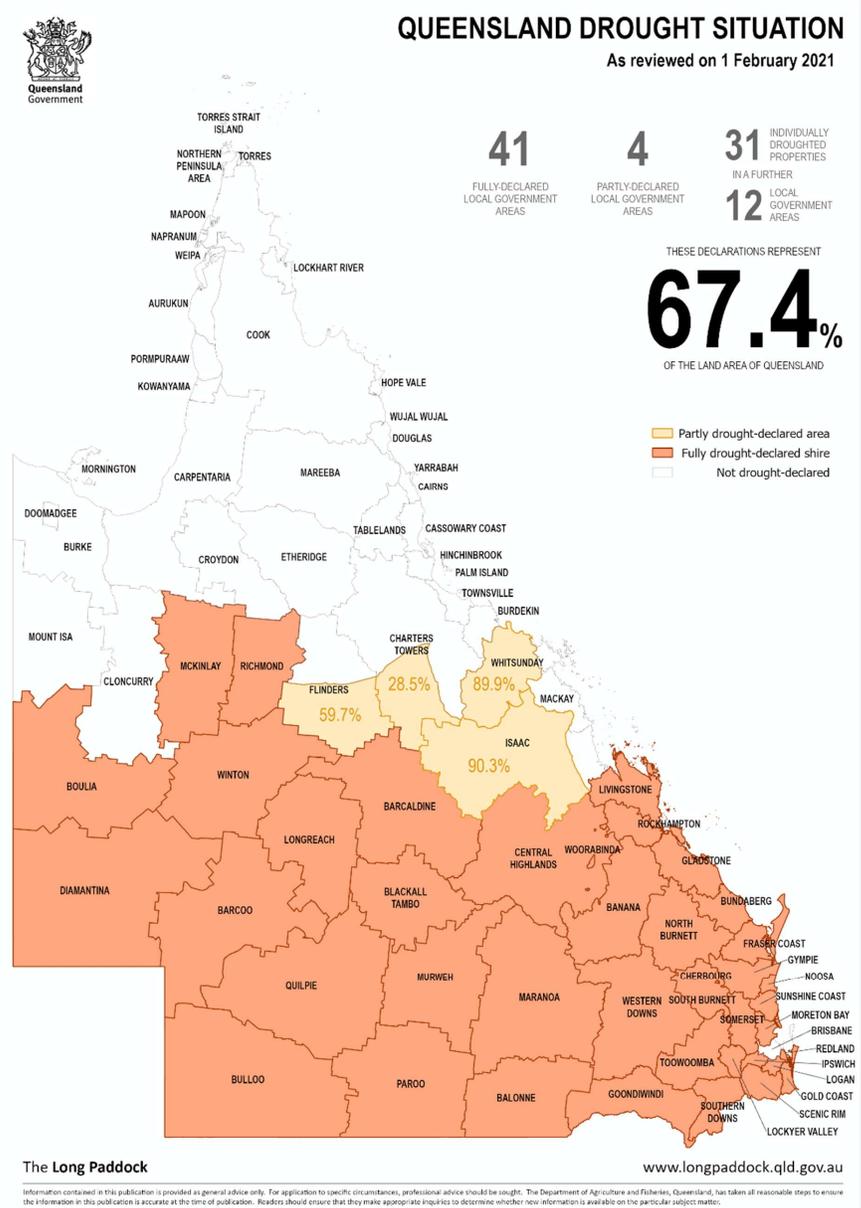
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### QLD Twelve Months Rainfall Deficiency



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**2019-20 BLACK SUMMER BUSHFIRES – MAP OF BURNSCAR AND DECLARED  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS**

Refer attached document