



Queensland Reconstruction Authority

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority is the lead agency responsible for disaster recovery and resilience in Queensland.



Our vision

Stronger, safer and more resilient Queensland communities.

Our purpose

Coordinate action to improve the resilience of Queensland communities and facilitate locally-led disaster recovery.

What we do

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) is charged with managing and coordinating the Queensland Government's program of infrastructure renewal and recovery within disaster-affected communities, with a focus on working with our state and local government partners to deliver best practice administration of public reconstruction and resilience funds.

QRA is the state's lead agency responsible for disaster recovery and resilience policy. QRA works collaboratively with other agencies and key stakeholders to reduce risk and bolster disaster preparedness. QRA leads initiatives and activities to assist government, businesses and the wider community mitigate risks and prepare for disasters.

Our organisational objectives

- Rebuilding, recovering and reconnecting disaster affected communities.
- Building capacity in recovery and resilience through expert leadership and partnerships.
- Getting ready, reducing risk and building resilience.





Recovery

Our role in recovery operations is to assist local communities to recover sooner from disasters and maximise recovery and resilience outcomes for Queensland.

www.qra.qld.gov.au/recovery

QRA is responsible for:

- providing responsive and integrated services to communities before, during and after natural disasters
- coordinating programs that support and build disaster relief and recovery readiness, capability and resilience at the local level.

What are QRA's key recovery activities?

- Damage Assessment and Reconstruction Monitoring system (DARMSys™)
- disaster recovery policy and planning
- recovery capability development
- State Recovery Coordinator
- State Recovery Plans
- support for Local Recovery Plans
- recovery support and collaboration.

What are Functional Resilience and Recovery Groups (FRRGs)?

QRA coordinates the Queensland Government's Functional Resilience and Recovery Groups (FRRGs). These groups support communities across five functional lines of recovery:

- human and social
- economic
- environment
- building
- roads and transport.

The FRRGs are responsible for providing resources and supporting Local Recovery Groups (LRGs) and District Recovery Groups (DRGs) in their recovery efforts across impacted communities.

The FRRGs coordinate, link and facilitate recovery planning, issues management and activities at the state level across their different functional group areas.

The communication loop between LRGs, DRGs and state level FRRGs is a crucial element of the recovery governance arrangements.

Resilience

The Queensland Government is committed to strengthening disaster resilience to ensure communities are better equipped to deal with the increasing prevalence of natural disasters.

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QRA is responsible for:

- developing and coordinating the *Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience* which provides an overarching framework to guide how the Queensland Government collaboratively delivers disaster resilience commitments and actions, based on local and regional needs, to strengthen community resilience.

How does QRA strengthen disaster resilience?

Building capacity in recovery and resilience through expert leadership and partnership by:

- forging trusted, reciprocal and robust relationships with community leaders, thought leaders, and local, state, Commonwealth and international partners in relief, recovery and resilience
- assisting local governments and communities build knowledge and capability that drives best practice in recovery and building resilience
- influencing and enhancing the development of national relief, recovery and resilience policy
- producing evidence-based data, analytics and evaluative materials that are useful to, and used by, communities and decision makers.

Getting ready, reducing risk and building resilience through:

- designing and delivering best practice strategies to help communities Get Ready, be resilient and ultimately recover from future disasters
- prioritising and coordinating disaster resilience funding programs to maximise risk reduction and build resilience such as the Flood Warning Infrastructure Network and the Disaster Ready Fund
- coordinating development and implementation of whole-of-government policies to manage disaster risk
- providing advice to support the development of whole-of-government policies towards more resilient buildings, infrastructure and communities.



Funding programs

QRA manages and coordinates Queensland's recovery, resilience and reconstruction funding programs within disaster-impacted communities. Since its establishment in 2011, QRA has administered a program of works valued in excess of \$23.7 billion, including a current delivery program estimated at more than \$7.7 billion.

www.qra.qld.gov.au/funding-programs

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Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)

DRFA is a jointly funded program between the Australian Government and Queensland and is intended as an emergency helping hand for individuals and communities in need, following a disaster.

- **Category A:** assistance to individuals to alleviate personal hardship or distress arising as a direct result of a disaster.
- **Category B:** assistance to the state, and/or local governments for the restoration of essential public assets and certain counter-disaster operations. Category B assistance also covers assistance to disaster-impacted small businesses, primary producers, not-for-profit organisations and individuals through concessional loans, subsidies or grants.
- **Category C:** assistance for severely affected communities, regions or sectors and includes clean-up and recovery grants for small businesses and primary producers and/or the establishment of a Community Recovery Fund following a severe event.
- **Category D:** exceptional circumstances assistance beyond Categories A, B and C. Category D assistance is generally considered once the impact of the disaster has been assessed and specific recovery gaps identified.

Queensland Betterment Funds

Queensland leads the nation in delivering betterment programs that demonstrate how upfront investment in stronger, more resilient assets saves money for all levels of government in future disasters.

Get Ready Queensland (GRQ) funding program for councils

GRQ provides funding to help local governments improve locally-led disaster preparedness and resilience in their communities.

Disaster Ready Fund (DRF)

DRF is the Australian Government's flagship disaster risk reduction initiative which will fund a diverse set of projects in partnership with states and territories to deliver medium-term and long-term national outcomes, investing up to \$1 billion over five years from 2022-23.

North Queensland Resilience Program (NQRP)

NQRP is a \$91.8 million Australian Government funding package to support disaster recovery and resilience activities for northern, far north and north west Queensland communities.

Flood Risk Management Framework

In partnership with agencies and local governments, QRA has implemented flood management plans, resilience strategies, flood risk, flood warning and flood communication initiatives to explore new ways to work together to improve safety, build resilience, and minimise the impacts of floodwater.

FROM
**ZERO TO
FLOODED**
IN SECONDS



Websites, tools and campaigns

Get Ready Queensland (GRQ)

A year-round, all hazards, resilience building program coordinated by the QRA to help communities and individuals prepare for natural disasters. GRQ aims to make Queensland the nation's most disaster resilient state, connecting with audiences through a program of advertising, timely and relevant social media content, online resources, community engagement, and locally-led initiatives.

www.getready.qld.gov.au



If it's flooded, forget it (IIFFI)

A statewide campaign and website aiming to encourage safer road use in severe weather, and ultimately reduce floodwater related road trauma.

www.getready.qld.gov.au/FloodedForgetIt



Queensland Government Flood website

A gateway and source of truth to find reliable flood information for individuals, families, businesses, communities, councils and flood practitioners.

www.qld.gov.au/flood

Queensland Government Bushfire website

A dedicated website focused on reliable bushfire information for disaster management practitioners, individuals, families, businesses, councils and communities.

www.qld.gov.au/bushfire

Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) website

QRA's website outlines information about our work including funding programs, activations, recovery, resilience, corporate publications, news and case studies.

QRA's website also contains links to MARS – a portal to support applications for funding programs and the DRFA toolbox – guidance and advice to assist with all stages of DRFA funded projects.

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Regional Liaison

QRA has a network of Regional Liaison Officers (RLOs) and Resilience and Recovery Officers (RROs) to support each local government, and relevant state agencies.

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