

## 2020/21 DRFAWA ELIGIBLE DISASTER PROCLAMATION NOTIFICATION

### AGRN973 'SEVERE WEATHER AND ASSOCIATED FLOODING ACROSS THE SOUTH COASTAL DISTRICT (20-21 JUNE 2021)'

The above event has been proclaimed an *eligible disaster* under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, Western Australia (DRFAWA) on 2 July 2021, pursuant to clause 5.1 of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) (the *Arrangements 2018*), issued by the Commonwealth Government Department of Home Affairs. The State Government will provide financial assistance to those people who have been affected through joint State and Commonwealth disaster relief and recovery arrangements.

A cold front crossed the west coast early on 20 June 2021 and moved slowly over the Great Southern on Sunday night. The south to south-westerly flow behind the front brought considerable rainfall into coastal areas between Walpole and Bremer Bay. Rainfall as heavy as 70.8 mm in 3 hours was recorded at Narrikup (northeast of Albany) and 103 mm in Denmark. Winds also strengthened off the ocean with peak gusts of 96 km/hour at Albany Airport, 70 km/hour at Mount Barker and 65 km/hour at Denmark recorded by the Bureau of Meteorology.

Pursuant to subclause 1.1.1 of the *Arrangements 2018*, 'Storm' and 'Flood' are deemed to be eligible *natural disaster* events.

For the purposes of DRFAWA this event will be referred to as "AGRN973 *Severe weather and associated flooding across the South Coastal District (20-21 June 2021)*".

DRFAWA is jointly funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments and administered by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), with assistance from other agencies. Through the DRFAWA, the Western Australian and Commonwealth Governments provide assistance to people and communities that have suffered the direct impact of a proclaimed disaster event.

The Local Government districts currently subject to this proclamation are as follows:

#### **Included on 2 July 2021**

Albany

Denmark

Plantagenet

#### **Included on 10 August 2021**

Jerramungup

Gnowangerup

If information becomes available that identifies other local government districts as potentially having been directly impacted by this disaster event, subject to further assessment these local government districts may, at a later date, be included in the affected area.

The eligible costs for this event are anticipated to be largely associated with the restoration and replacement of the road network infrastructure and counter disaster activities for the protection of the general public.

Assistance may be available for the following measures (*where appropriate*) typically covered by the DRFAWA:

- **For Local Governments & State Government Agencies** – Clean-up costs and the restoration or replacement (to pre-disaster function) of *essential public assets* including road network damage. State road restoration is through Main Roads Western Australia. Only costs incurred that are ‘additional’ costs, and are directly related to the event, will be eligible for reimbursement.

Note - The allowable time limit for eligible claims related to Emergency Works and Immediate Reconstruction Works (EW and IRW), for to Essential Public Assets, expires on 22 September 2021.

LG's wishing to seek an extension to the EW and IRW allowable time limit should contact the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements team to discuss.

Note - The allowable time limit for eligible claims related to Essential Public Asset Restoration Works (EPAR) expires on 30 June 2023.

Claims in respect of any other *eligible measures* may also be considered.

***It should be noted that assistance under the DRFAWA is not designed to supplant or operate as a disincentive for self-help by way of commercial insurance.***

### **Primary Contacts**

Primary contacts for assistance/advice are:

- Main Roads Western Australia regional offices for state road infrastructure via website [here](#);
- Other enquiries may be directed to the Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services. Contact DRFAWA Administrators by phone on 9395 9341 or 9395 9994, or by email to [drfawa@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:drfawa@dfes.wa.gov.au).

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