



Update 4 – 9 November 2018

# New DRFA-WA has commenced

The new Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) commenced on 1 November 2018. The DRFA will replace the current Western Australian Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements, referred to as WANDRRA.

Western Australia has developed a DRFA-WA guideline designed to help local governments, state agencies and communities, who may need to apply for funding following all eligible disaster events that occur after 1 November 2018.

This guideline can be found on the DFES website, under the Recovery tab, at <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/recovery/Pages/DRFA-WA.aspx>

As well as the guideline, there are a number of resources that have been developed to support stakeholders. The resources include templates, fact sheets and frequently asked questions. These can be found under the Recovery Resources tab at:

<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/recovery/Pages/Recovery-Resources.aspx>

The DRFA-WA guideline and all supporting documents will be reviewed and updated regularly. If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to send them through to [drfawa@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:drfawa@dfes.wa.gov.au).

## Key points to remember?

- For all events that occurred prior to 1 November, the WANDRRA processes and systems still apply.
- Under the DRFA-WA there are two key changes to support local governments:
  - The Asset Repair Working Capital is an **advance** payment, which is 20% of the estimated cost of essential public asset repair works. It can be applied for at the time the cost estimate is submitted and is designed to assist local governments to cover their upfront costs of repairs to damaged essential public assets. It is not available for emergency works and immediate reconstruction works.
  - All local government road infrastructure claims are to be sent directly to DFES Disaster Recovery Funding Officers (DRFOs). Main Roads will continue to provide engineering assurance to DFES DRFOs. In addition, if local governments require support in developing their cost estimates they can contact MRWA directly, however all estimates and documentation must be formally submitted to DFES DRFOs.

## Who can you contact?

- If you have specific questions or would like a further briefing please contact the team at [drfawa@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:drfawa@dfes.wa.gov.au) or Katherine Clarke on 9395 9971.