

FACT SHEET 3 – ROOF TIE-DOWN UPGRADES

CYCLONE SEROJA RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE GRANTS PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR INSURED PROPERTY OWNERS

The Resilience Grant, of up to \$20,000, helps residents impacted by Severe Tropical Cyclone Seroja to improve the resilience of their insured residential property against future cyclonic events.

This fact sheet provides information to help you understand how you can upgrade your roof to improve your property's resilience against future cyclones by installing roof tie-downs. Upgrading your roof is an eligible reimbursement activity through the Resilience Grant.

What is the Resilience Grant?

The Resilience Grant reimburses eligible homeowners for specific building works that improve the resilience of their insured residential property against future cyclones. These works include the installation of roof tie-downs by a registered builder.

Why is it a good idea to upgrade my roof?

Many houses suffered damage and total loss of roofs due to Severe Tropical Cyclone Seroja. The damage mostly occurred when doors and windows failed and the internal pressure in houses exceeded the design requirements for the wind region causing the roof to fail.

How do I upgrade my roof?

To make your roof stronger the following works are required:

- stronger tie-down connections between the roof structure and walls or beams with framing anchors, straps, screws and bolts;
- upgrading batten-to-rafter connections from nails to screws;

and, where appropriate:

- installing extra battens; and
- extra roofing fixings, particularly at the edges.

Variations may be applicable to different roofing material.

The roof upgrade work must be done by a registered builder. The builder must read the *Technical Specifications* to ensure they understand the requirements and provide the necessary evidence.

Who can organise the work?

Works can be undertaken by your insurer, or you can arrange them yourself.

Works through insurers

Insurers are aware of the Resilience Grant and can arrange the works using their contractors. The property owner must discuss this with their insurer. Insurers will need to provide a breakdown of the additional cost involved and evidence of the work.



Works arranged by the owner

Property owners can organise the works through a registered builder. Property owners will need to request the following documents from the builder:

- itemised quote for the roof works stating the labour and material cost breakdown; and
- structural drawings with reference to the wind classification and required tie-downs.

The builder will need to read the relevant *Technical Specifications* prior to quoting the works.

How do I apply?

- Go to <https://dfes.wa.gov.au/site/recoveryandresiliencegrants/> and click on apply now.
- Start your application which requires information about you and your damaged property.
- Submit the application and receive a confirmation email it has been received.
- A grants officer will contact you to discuss your application and confirm your eligibility.
- A grants officer will liaise with you while your works are under way and the required evidence is collected.

If you need help with submitting an application or are unable to complete it online, please contact the Recovery and Resilience Grants Team on 1800 490 678 or visit your Community Recovery Hub.

What evidence is required?

As your application progresses, you will be asked to provide evidence of roof tie down works. This includes:

- Drawings and/or design details stating wind classification and specific roof connections and fittings.
- Itemised quote from a registered builder outlining the works to be undertaken.
- Photos or video from the builder demonstrating the work complies with the design details required under the Resilience Grant *Technical Specifications*.
- Detailed tax invoice.
- Completed *Resilience Works Completion Form* signed by the builder.
- Photos of the completed roof.

A member of the Recovery and Resilience Grants Team may also inspect the work.

Grants Closing Date

The Recovery and Resilience Grants Program closes on 31 March 2023.

Further information

Read about the Recovery and Resilience Grants Program at <https://dfes.wa.gov.au/site/recoveryandresiliencegrants/>

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