

Producer Notice

Queensland Floods

Disaster Recovery Assistance



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Information

Primary producers directly affected by Tropical Cyclone Oswald and the associated rainfall and flooding between 21-29 January 2013 may be eligible for disaster recovery assistance announced by the Prime Minister under the joint Commonwealth / Queensland Government funded Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) administered by the Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority (QRAA).

Who is eligible?

Primary producers who were engaged in their business during TC Oswald, who intend to re-establish the enterprise and who are responsible for meeting the costs being claimed are eligible to apply. You must also be located in the local government areas of Bundaberg, the Fraser Coast, Gympie, the Lockyer Valley or North Burnett. Full details can be viewed at:

http://www.qraa.qld.gov.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=370&Itemid=251.

What assistance is available?

Under the NDRRA, primary producers may be eligible for 'Category C: Special Disaster Assistance – Clean-up and Recovery Grants for Primary Producers' of up to \$25,000 to reimburse expenses associated with the flooding. An initial grant of up to \$5,000 is available to assist you with recovery. A subsequent grant of up to \$20,000 is available to recover costs that you may have paid for in order to repair direct flood damage.

The assistance enables you to cover the costs associated with cleaning and restoration activities including:

- purchasing, hiring or leasing plant, equipment or materials to clean up or resume business activities
- clearing or disposing of debris and damaged goods or injured or dead livestock
- repairing buildings or essential fittings in buildings other than houses
- repairing or reconditioning essential plant or equipment
- repairing roads, fences and dams and other essential infrastructure
- repairing or restoring fields
- purchasing fodder or saving crops or feed for livestock
- replacing lost or damaged stock (other than livestock)
- maintain the health of livestock or poultry
- engaging a person to clean or conduct a safety inspection of premises
- paying additional wages to an employee to assist with the clean-up and restoration work.

How do I apply?

To apply, you will need to complete and submit the *Special Disaster Assistance Application Form* to the QRAA. The form is available on the website provided above.

Contact details for producers

For life threatening emergencies, call **000** immediately.

For emergency assistance in floods call the State Emergency Service (SES – all States) on **132 500**.

For information on road closures call **131 940**.

For emergency financial assistance, support and counselling call the Community Recovery Hotline on **1800 173 349**.

A reminder to those producers who have experienced flood impact or damage to effluent ponds to contact the relevant state environmental officer as part of your licensing agreement. Phone Mitch Furness on **07 4688 1374**.

Key APL Contacts

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