

## **NSW Natural Disaster Assistance Schemes**

The following loans and grants are available under the NSW Disaster Assistance Arrangements, in Local Government Areas (LGAs) that have been included in natural disaster declarations.

### **Disaster Assistance for Individuals**

Resilience NSW may provide disaster relief grants to:

- Individuals and families whose homes and/or essential household items have been destroyed or damaged by a natural disaster; and
- who have limited financial resources; and
- who have no insurance for essential household items and/or structural repairs to the home.

Enquires should be directed to the Service NSW Disaster Customer Care Centre on 13 77 88 or online at [www.disasterassistance.service.nsw.gov.au](http://www.disasterassistance.service.nsw.gov.au)

### **Primary Producers- Loans**

- Loans: Urgent loans are available at a concessional interest rate to eligible primary producers.
- Transport: Transport subsidies are available to eligible applicants for the carriage of livestock, fodder and supplements for dairy cattle.
- The NSW Rural Assistance Authority administers these schemes.

Enquires should be directed to the Authority on 1800 678 593.

Website: [www.raa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au)

### **Small Businesses**

- Urgent loans are available at a concessional interest rate to eligible small businesses
- The NSW Rural Assistance Authority administers this scheme.

Enquires should be directed to the Authority on 1800 678 593.

Website: [www.raa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au)

### **Assistance for local councils**

Assistance is available to local councils to restore essential public assets that have been damaged as a direct result of the natural disaster.

For assistance to restore public roads, road infrastructure and bridges, councils should contact their regional representatives in Transport for NSW.

For assistance to restore other essential public assets, councils should contact their regional representatives in Public Works Advisory.

Further information about assistance to councils may be obtained by contacting Resilience NSW on (02) 9212 9200.

### **Sporting Clubs**

- A grant or a concessional fixed rate loan is available for sporting and recreation clubs and associations for clean up, removal of debris and/or restoring essential facilities.
- NSW Treasury administers the grant component of this scheme.

- To obtain an application for grant assistance, contact NSW Treasury by e-mail at [natural\\_disasters@treasury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:natural_disasters@treasury.nsw.gov.au)
- The NSW Rural Assistance Authority administers the loan component of the Scheme. Enquires should be directed to the Authority on 1800 678 593 or online to [www.raa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au)
- Information on loan assistance can be obtained by calling the RAA on Toll Free 1800 678 593 or (02) 6391 3000, or via email to [rural.assist@raa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rural.assist@raa.nsw.gov.au)

### **Churches and Voluntary Non-profit Organisations**

Loan assistance is available to churches and voluntary non-profit organisations for the restoration of essential facilities from The NSW Rural Assistance Authority.

Enquires should be directed to the Authority on 1800 678 593.

Website: [www.raa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au)

### **Commonwealth/State Natural Disaster Arrangements**

The schemes listed above are eligible for Australian Government financial assistance, usually by way of partial reimbursement of actual expenditure, under the joint Australian Government/NSW Government Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

### **Other assistance**

#### **Motor Vehicle Stamp Duty Relief**

Motorists whose cars have been written off as a result of a natural disaster may be eligible for a stamp duty refund on their replacement vehicle offered by Revenue NSW. Revenue NSW can be contacted on 1300 139 814.

Website: [www.revenue.nsw.gov.au](http://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au)

#### **Insurance**

If you have a query relating to insurance, the Insurance Council of Australia may be able to assist. It can be contacted on 1800 734 621.

#### **Legal Assistance**

- Contact LawAccess NSW on 1300 888 529 to discuss legal problems and what assistance may be available from Legal Aid NSW, Community Legal Centres and other free legal assistance services in your area.
- Legal Aid NSW lawyers may be able to provide free legal advice to people affected by disasters on a range of issues including insurance, tenancy, credit and debt problems.
- Website: [www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au)