

QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

FRONTLINE RESPONSE AND ASSISTANCE

Following a natural disaster, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) works closely with councils and state agencies to support requests for activation under Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

QRA supports local councils with the delivery of reconstruction projects through ongoing assessment of eligibility under NDRRA,

progress monitoring, expenditure reporting, provision of grant payments and program acquittal.

QRA is also the lead agency responsible for disaster recovery, resilience and mitigation policy.

In this role, QRA is working collaboratively with other agencies and key stakeholders to improve risk reduction and disaster preparedness.

QRA has adopted a whole-of-community approach to resilience through state-wide policy development and the delivery of regional and state-wide projects such as the Betterment Program, the Flood Warning Gauge

Network review and the Brisbane River Catchment Flood Studies.

QRA's CEO is also the State Recovery Policy and Planning Coordinator (SRPPC) to help bridge the gap between response and recovery and to assist the rapid recovery of communities following natural disasters.

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collaboratively in the disaster recovery and resilience environment to coordinate the efforts of government and non-government agencies, linking policy development with on-the-ground recovery.

Since its establishment in 2011, QRA has administered more than \$13 billion worth of reconstruction works under the NDRRA.

Queensland is the only state in Australia to have a permanent disaster recovery organisation dedicated to help communities recover following natural disasters.

OTHER SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

- managing the activation of NDRRA)
- production of mapping and other geospatial and information products, in conjunction with other agencies
- deploying liaison officers to DDMGs and LDMGs in the areas of impact to provide on-ground support
- assisting Queensland Fire and Emergency Services with rapid damage assessments (RDA) using the QRA-developed DARMsys™ to provide real-time housing and property damage data
- providing councils with immediate access to expert policy and engineering advice to document infrastructure damage and determine NDRRA eligibility
- liaising with councils to develop estimates of infrastructure damage under the NDRRA
- developing whole-of-government proposals for exceptional circumstances funding from the federal government (such as Category D funding proposals)
- developing recovery planning for events, as required
- support the Disaster Recovery Coordinator/s, if appointed.