

Australian Government Bushfire Support Information sheet

Federal Government support

The Australian Government has advice on bushfire and smoke and provides financial assistance to people affected by the bushfires.

Department of Health bushfire and smoke health advice

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alert-bushfires-and-smoke>

Disaster recovery payment and allowance

Contact the Australian Department of Human Services on 180 22 66 for claim assistance.

Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment

The Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP) provides one-off financial assistance to eligible Australians adversely affected by the bushfires.

The rate of AGDRP is \$1,000 per eligible adult and \$800 per eligible child.

AGDRP is available for people who have been seriously injured, have lost their homes or whose homes have been directly damaged, or are the immediate family members of a person who has died, as a direct result of the bushfires.

Disaster Recovery Allowance

The Disaster Recovery Allowance (DRA) provides income support payments to employees, primary producers and sole traders who can demonstrate they have experienced a loss of income as a direct result of the bushfires.

DRA provides fortnightly payments for up to 13 weeks up to the applicable rate of Newstart or Youth Allowance, depending on the person's circumstances.

DRA is available to Australian residents who are sixteen years and older.

DRA is not available to those already receiving another income support payment or pension such as the Age Pension, Newstart Allowance or Service Pension.

State Government support

State governments also provide additional assistance, including financial assistance. Contact the respective state hotline for more information.

NSW

Disaster Welfare Assistance Line 1800 018 444

VIC

VIC Emergency Hotline 1800 226 226

QLD

Community Recovery Hotline on 1800 173 349

SA

SA Recovery Hotline 1800 302 787