**Post-bushfire resources - useful information for impacted landholders**

This information sheet template is a tool to support landholders impacted by bushfires find support and services they need in the one place.

It lists key information landholders may need to access to help them recover after a bushfire.

LDMGs are encouraged to update this template with their own local information and then include it into their current suite of support materials.

As this is a template, each LDMG is responsible for ensuring the information is kept up to date.

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For all CURRENT fires, daily fire danger ratings, fire bans and restrictions please visit:

<https://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/Pages/Home.aspx>

For information on how to prepare your property for bushfire or what to do in the event of a bushfire visit:

<https://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/Pages/Home.aspx>

## Finances, health and wellbeing

* Get Ready Queensland has a list of current support groups: <https://www.getready.qld.gov.au/after-disaster/support-groups>
* Get Ready Queensland Money Ready toolkit helps you prepare financially and get back on your feet after a disaster–- <https://www.getready.qld.gov.au/after-disaster/financial-assistance>
* For primary producers:
  + Department of Agriculture and Fisheries phone: 132 523
  + Individual Disaster Stricken Property (IDSP): <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/agriculture/disaster-recovery/natural-disaster/disaster-assistance-forms-and-guidelines>
  + Queensland Farmers Federation - <http://www.farmerdisastersupport.org.au/financial-assistance-available-to-bushfire-affected-farmers-and-individuals/> and Farmer Disaster Support <http://www.farmerdisastersupport.org.au/>
  + Agforce Qld: <https://www.agforceqld.org.au/?tgtPage=policies&page_id=799>
* Rural Financial Counselling Service Southern Queensland (RFCS-SQ) provides free, impartial, confidential and responsive rural financial counselling services across Southern Queensland visit https://www.rfcssq.org.au/
* Financial Literacy and Resilience Services <https://www.qld.gov.au/community/losing-your-job-income/financial-literacy-resilience-services>
* Farm and Rural Legal Service, Legal Aid: phone 1300 65 11 88
* Federal Government: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/rural-financial-counselling-service>
* QCWA Public Rural Crisis Fund <https://www.qcwa.org.au/what-we-do/public-rural-crisis-fund/>
* Red Cross:
  + <https://www.redcross.org.au/campaigns/disaster-relief-and-recovery-bushfires>
  + Coping with a major personal crisis <https://www.redcross.org.au/getmedia/6ba3063e-426a-44c8-8239-b8179bec9185/Coping-with-a-major-personal-crisis-booklet.pdf.aspx>
  + Helping children and young people cope with crisis <https://www.redcross.org.au/getmedia/60d44951-875d-43c7-8415-1fee678ce1a1/helping-children-and-young-people-cope.pdf.aspx>
* Emergency hardship assistance <https://www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies/recovery-after-disaster/financial-assistance/immediate-hardship-assistance>
* Emotional Support - Get ready Queensland <https://www.getready.qld.gov.au/after-disaster/emotional-support>

## Health and safety after bushfires:

Queensland Health – After disaster – Bushfires:

Asbestos hazards after a fire <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/staying-healthy/environmental/after-a-disaster/bushfires/asbestos-hazards>

Ash from copper chrome arsenate (CCA) treated timber <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/staying-healthy/environmental/after-a-disaster/bushfires/ash-from-copper-chrome-arsenate>

Airborne dust and health effects <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/staying-healthy/environmental/after-a-disaster/bushfires/airborne-dust-and-health-effects>

Bushfire smoke and your health <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/staying-healthy/environmental/after-a-disaster/bushfires/bushfire-smoke-and-your-health>

Bushfires and roof-harvested rainwater <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/staying-healthy/environmental/after-a-disaster/bushfires/bushfires-and-roof-harvested-rainwater>

Bushfire fighting water additives and health <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/staying-healthy/environmental/after-a-disaster/bushfires/fire-retardants-and-health>

Using alternative fuel and electricity generation safely during power outages <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/staying-healthy/environmental/after-a-disaster/bushfires/using-alternative-fuel-and-electricity-generation-safely>

Cleaning up a smoke affected home after a fire <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/staying-healthy/environmental/after-a-disaster/bushfires/cleaning-up-a-smoke-affected-home>

Returning home safely after a fire <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/staying-healthy/environmental/after-a-disaster/bushfires/returning-home-safely>

Using your personal protective equipment after a fire <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/staying-healthy/environmental/after-a-disaster/bushfires/using-your-personal-protective-equipment>

## Individual Property Management Planning

The SE Queensland Fire & Biodiversity Consortium provides a 1.5 day workshop for landholders that balances fire safety and land management with the biodiversity conservation and primary industries. [www.fireandbiodiversity.org.au](http://www.fireandbiodiversity.org.au)

## Injured or lost wildlife

RSPCA QLD 1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625) <https://www.rspcaqld.org.au/what-we-do/disasters-and-alerts>

## Insurance

The Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) If you need assistance, please call the ICA's 24-hour disaster hotline on 1800 734 621

* [Insurance Claims Process Fact Sheet](https://www.gympie.qld.gov.au/documents/40005057/41307199/Insurance%20Claims%20Process%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf)
* [http://understandinsurance.com.au](http://understandinsurance.com.au/)

Specific information relating to bushfires:

* <http://understandinsurance.com.au/recovering-from-a-disaster>
* <http://understandinsurance.com.au/types-of-disasters/bushfires>

## Local government websites: bushfire information

Brisbane City Council

<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community-and-safety/community-safety/disasters-and-emergencies/types-of-disasters/bushfires>

Lockyer Valley Regional Council

<https://www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au/our-services/disaster-management/Pages/default.aspx>

Ipswich City Council

<https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/about_ipswich/environment/bushland_fire_management>

Logan City Council

<https://www.logan.qld.gov.au/community-support/disasters-and-emergencies/types-of-disasters/bushfire>

Gympie Regional Council

<https://www.gympie.qld.gov.au/disaster-management> and <https://www.gympie.qld.gov.au/woolooga-fires-recovery>

Moreton Bay Regional Council

<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Disaster-Management/Before-a-Disaster/Bushfire>

Scenic Rim Regional Council

<http://disasterdashboard.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/>

Somerset Regional Council

<https://www.somerset.qld.gov.au/our-services/land-management>

and <http://disaster.somerset.qld.gov.au/>

South Burnett Regional Council

<http://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/bushfire>

Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Bushfire Management

<https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Environment/Bushland-Protection/Bushfire-Management>

The City Of Gold Coast

<https://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/council/bushfire-2228.html>

Toowoomba Regional Council

<http://www.tr.qld.gov.au/community-business/community-safety/be-prepared-for-emergencies/12156-be-prepared-for-fire-season>

Redland City Council

<https://www.redland.qld.gov.au/bushfires>

<https://www.redland.qld.gov.au/info/20072/community_safety_and_health/91/disasters_and_emergencies>

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## Phone support

If you or someone you care about is distressed, in crisis, suicidal or needs someone to talk to, call:

* 1300 MH CALL - 1300 642 255 (24/7 Queensland Health)
* Lifeline 13 11 14 (24/7)
* Kids Helpline 1800 551 800 (24/7)
* Parent line: 1300 301 300
* Men line: 1300 789 978 (24/7)

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## Useful websites on general fire management and disaster management

Powerlink Queensland

<https://www.powerlink.com.au/sites/default/files/2018-09/Chapter%2022%20-%20Bushfire_0.pdf>

SE Queensland Fire and Biodiversity Consortium:

<http://www.fireandbiodiversity.org.au/>

Healthy Land and Water:

<http://hlw.org.au/>

Land for Wildlife Queensland: Fire Note Series

<http://www.lfwseq.org.au/>

Queensland Parks and Wildlife – Fire Management

<https://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/fire_management.html>

HQ Plantations – Fire Management

<https://www.hqplantations.com.au/fire-management>

Seqwater – Fire Management

<http://www.seqwater.com.au/water-supply/catchments/fire-management>

Private Forestry Service Queensland

<https://pfsq.net/harvest/>

Queensland Farmers Federation

<https://www.qff.org.au/>

## Utilities post fire – water and power

Get Ready Queensland has a list of current utility Services across Queensland: <https://www.getready.qld.gov.au/after-disaster/reconnecting-utilities>

## Vegetation management and fire management

Clearing for fire management; clearing during bushfire emergencies; preparing for bushfires; firebreaks and fire management lines

<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/management/vegetation/disasters/fire>

Some of the information above has been sourced from the Gympie Regional Council & Get Ready Queensland <https://www.gympie.qld.gov.au/woolooga-fires-recovery>

## Weed prevention after fire

Following bushfire and subsequent rain, landholders need to be ready to combat new or returning infestations of weeds such as Giant Rats Tail Grass and Parthenium. Contact your local council's Land Protection Team if you would like to more information about weed management for your land.

*This Post Fire Information Resource is an initiative of the SE Queensland Fire and Biodiversity Consortium and Healthy Land and Water*

[*www.fireandbiodiversity.org.au*](http://www.fireandbiodiversity.org.au) *and* [*https://hlw.org.au/*](https://hlw.org.au/)