



DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS ACTIVATION OF AN ELIGIBLE DISASTER NOTICE AND FACT SHEET

AGRN 1226 - HEAVY RAINFALL AND ASSOCIATED FLOODING IN THE GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE REGION IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA (5-6 OCTOBER 2025) (V1)

This document has been prepared by the WA Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES). It details the activation of an eligible disaster and the available assistance measures for the impacted local government areas under the joint Australian and Western Australian Government Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) 2018.

EVENT ACTIVATION

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) have confirmed that the Coolgardie and Dundas areas received some severe weather in the Goldfields-Esperance Region of Western Australia. The weather event consisted of a rain band that lasted 24-48 hours, with mostly light rain but isolated moderate showers embedded within the band. The constant and isolated rain most likely contributed to the local damage, particularly in low lying areas and drain ways.

Evidence of flooding and damage to local roads has been provided by the Shires of Coolgardie and Dundas. Both Main Roads Western Australia and the Shires were required to close roads due to the ongoing rainfall and flooding.

'*Storm and Flood*' are deemed to be eligible natural disaster events, pursuant to subclause 1.1.1 of the DRFA.

Pursuant to clause 5.1 of the DRFA issued by the Australian Government, an eligible disaster under the DRFAWA was activated on 26 November 2025.

This activated eligible disaster will be referred to as '**AGRN1226 - Heavy Rainfall and Associated Flooding in the Goldfields-Esperance Region (5-6 October 2025)**'.

The State anticipates that the eligible costs for this event will primarily be associated with damage to essential public assets, being roads and associated infrastructure.

DRFAWA ACTIVATED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

In response to this eligible disaster, DRFAWA Category B assistance has been activated in the following local government areas:

- SHIRE OF DUNDAS
- SHIRE OF COOLGARDIE



The last page of this document includes a map of the activated local government areas. If information becomes available that identifies other local government areas as potentially having been directly impacted by this eligible disaster, those areas may subsequently be included in this activation, subject to further assessment and agreement from the Australian Government.

ACTIVATED DRFAWA ASSISTANCE MEASURES

The DRFAWA assistance measures listed below have been made available. For more information on the DRFAWA please refer to the resources at the following link:

www.dfes.wa.gov.au/recovery-funding#resources

Category B – Assistance for local government and state government agencies

Emergency works

Emergency works (EW) are urgent clean-up and repair activities necessary to temporarily restore an essential public asset to enable it to operate/be operated at an acceptable level of efficiency to support the immediate recovery of a community. EW need to be carried out within three months from the date the essential public asset becomes accessible following an eligible disaster.

EW should be followed by *immediate reconstruction works* (IRW) or *essential public asset reconstruction* (EPAR) works to fully reconstruct an essential public asset to its pre-disaster function.

Immediate reconstruction works

Immediate reconstruction works (IRW) are activities carried out to fully reconstruct an essential public asset to its pre-disaster function and occur if no EPAR works are required. They are carried out within three months from the date the essential public asset becomes accessible following an eligible disaster.

Note: EW and IRW should be minor in scope, extent and complexity. If the estimated expenditure to undertake EW and/or IRW on a single essential public asset exceeds \$250,000, DFES should be contacted as soon as possible for additional guidance, as EPAR works requirements may apply.

Essential public asset reconstruction works

Essential public asset reconstruction (EPAR) works allows for an essential public asset directly damaged by an eligible disaster, or an essential public asset re-damaged by an eligible disaster, to be fully reconstructed to its pre-disaster function.



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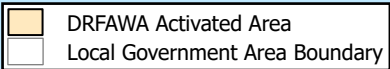
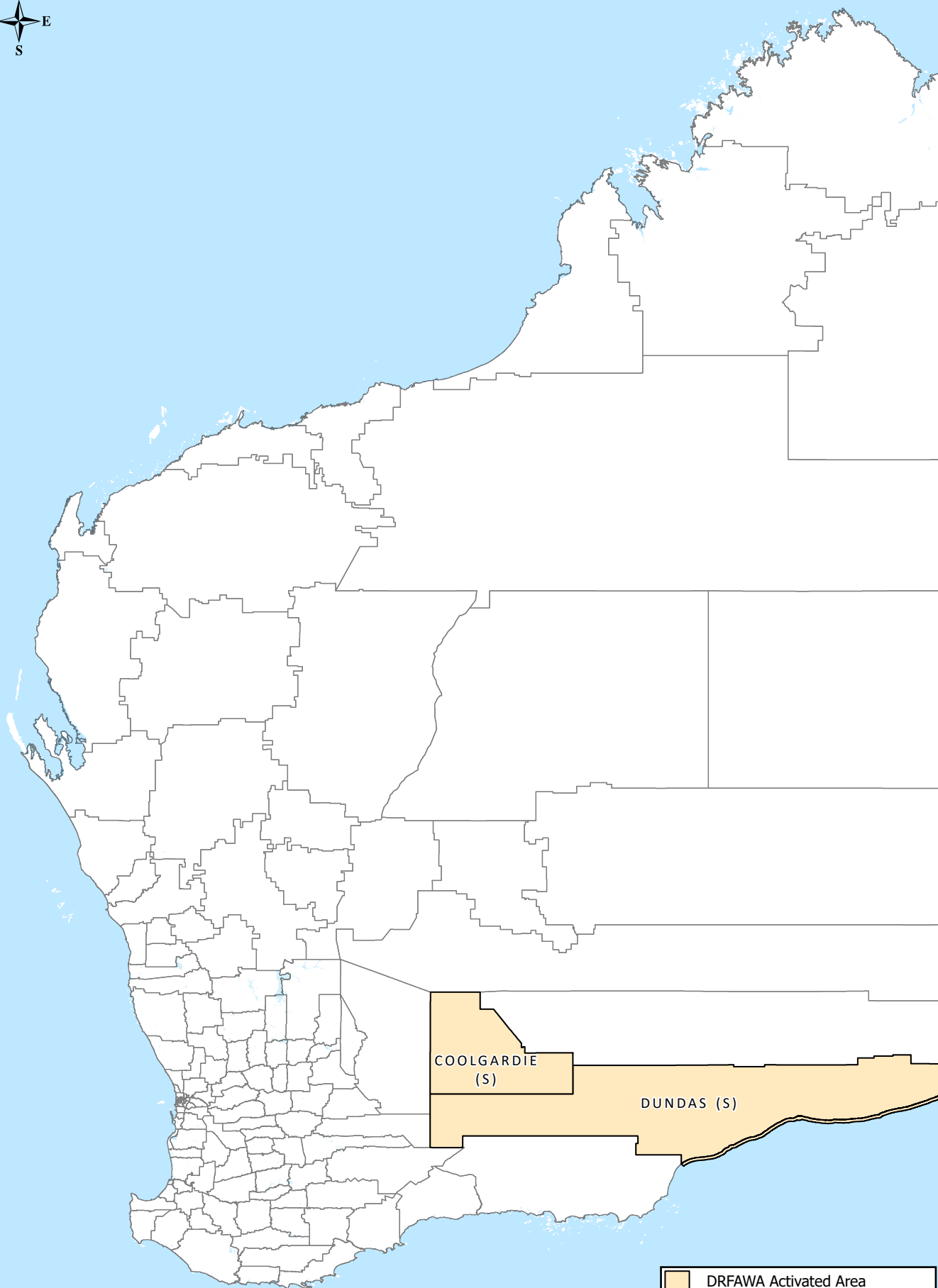
The reconstruction of an essential public asset under this assistance measure must be based on the estimated reconstruction cost developed in accordance with the DRFAWA and approved by DFES.

Further information and DFES contacts

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 www.dfes.wa.gov.au/recovery-funding

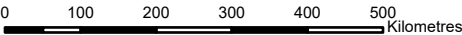


DRFAWA AGRN1226 Activated Local Government Areas

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