



# DRFAWA FACT SHEET

## REMOVAL OF DEBRIS

### INFORMATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

This fact sheet provides guidance on the practical application of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Western Australia (DRFAWA) relating to cost reimbursement associated with the removal of debris directly relates to the eligible disaster under the DRFAWA Category A and B assistance.

## Overview

Where Category A and B assistance measures have been activated for an eligible disaster event, local governments and State Government Agencies may be reimbursed costs related to the removal of disaster related debris subject to eligibility and evidence requirements being met.

## Category A – Removal of debris from residential properties by local governments and State Government Agencies to make them safe and habitable – Clause 4.2.2.e

### Eligible Activity

- Removal of disaster related debris from residential properties to make them safe and habitable, preventing displacement.
- If as a direct result of the eligible disaster, hazardous material that is located immediately beyond the residential block is causing potential health and safety risks for the residents that may result in displacement, may be eligible subject to prior approval from DFES.

### Ineligible Activity

- Removal of debris from residential properties that is not directly related to the eligible disaster.
- Removal of disaster related debris that is not causing a residential property to be unsafe or uninhabitable and therefore does not result in displacement.

### Eligible Costs

Costs related to the eligible activities, including but not limited to:

- Service providers being engaged to undertake debris removal activities, debris transportation and disposal.
- Extraordinary local governments and State Government Agency's staff costs specifically related to the eligible disaster such as overtime.
- Mulching/chipping and transport costs of green waste and debris at first point of collection directly to a waste facility.
- Transportation and disposal costs for the removal of green waste and debris from point of collection directly to the waste facility.

- Costs to establish or extend temporary facilities to accommodate disaster related debris from residential properties; including costs to operate and decommission.
- Where a local government allows households to dispose of disaster related debris free of a cost (that is normally charged) at a local government owned waste facility, these waived costs may be considered. Contact DFES for more information.
- Professional advice confirming hazardous material is present, dangerous and removal is required to make residential properties safe and habitable and prevent displacement.
- Costs associated with the on-site suppression, clean-up, removal and disposal of hazardous materials, such as asbestos, that is located immediately beyond the residential block and causing health and safety risks that may result in displacement.
- Removal of deceased livestock and other animals from residential properties to make them safe and habitable and prevent displacement.

### **Ineligible Costs**

Cost not related to the eligible activities, including but not limited to:

- Normal time and associated on-costs for a local governments and State Government Agency's own resources.
- Mulching or chipping costs of green waste other than at first point of collection.
- Secondary transportation of green waste and / or debris from a waste facility.
- Costs for the removal of debris (hazardous material or otherwise) that is not causing a residential property to be unsafe or uninhabitable and does not result in displacement. For example, sheds, fencing and other buildings (i.e., commercial component of a primary producer property).

## **Category B – Removal of debris such as trees, branches, and other vegetation from roads and associated road corridors – Clause 4.3.2.b**

### **Eligible Activity**

- The removal of disaster related debris such as trees, branches, and other vegetation impacting essential public assets (EPA) such as roads and road corridors that impedes safe and trafficable access of the road.
- Works must be completed within three (3) months of the EPA becoming accessible following the eligible disaster.

### **Ineligible Activity**

- The removal of debris such as trees, branches and other vegetation impacting EPA that was not as a direct result of an eligible disaster.

### **Eligible Costs**

Costs related to the eligible activities, including but not limited to:

- Service provider costs engaged to undertake debris (trees, branches and other vegetation) removal activities.
- Normal time payroll, including associated on-costs (i.e. superannuation and workers compensation insurance) and overtime for local governments and State Government Agency employees who are directly engaged to undertake disaster related debris (trees,



branches and other vegetation) removal activities, such as the Works Depot crews or equivalent.

- Mulching/chipping and transport costs of green waste and debris at first point of collection directly to a waste facility.
- Transportation and disposal costs for the removal of green waste and debris from point of collection directly to the waste facility.

### **Ineligible Costs**

Cost not related to the eligible activities, including but not limited to:

- Normal time and associated on-costs for a local governments and State Government Agency's own resources.
- Mulching or chipping costs of green waste other than at first point of collection.
- Secondary transportation of green waste and / or debris from waste facility.
- Costs for the removal of debris (hazardous material or otherwise) that is not causing a residential property to be unsafe or uninhabitable and does not result in displacement. For example, sheds, fencing and other buildings (i.e., commercial component of a primary producer property).

### **Category A and B - Evidence required to support a removal of debris claim**

All claims must be able to demonstrate that the eligible disaster resulted in the need for assistance. The following types of evidence must be provided:

- Evidence of debris impacting each residential property / road / other EPA:
  - Photographic evidence with associated meta data attached, (for roads, representative evidence of the impacts along each impacted road is required).
- Evidence of the completed works to remove the debris impacting each residential property / road / other EPA:
  - Photographic evidence with associated meta data attached, (for roads, representative evidence of the impacts along each impacted road is required).
- Evidence of expenditure (including detailed breakdown of rates and charges of contractors, timesheets, tax invoices or receipts and evidence of payment such as remittance advice or general ledger report).
- For roads and other EPA, evidence to demonstrate that the asset is an EPA.

Please refer to the *Evidence Requirements for Works on Essential Public Assets* fact sheet for further information on eligible evidence. (Even though the fact sheet being referred to relates to Category B assistance, in this instance the same evidence information applies to Category A removal of debris assistance)

### **Further information and contacts**

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