



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

AGRN 1288 - Tropical Lows 25U and 30U and Associated Flooding in the Kimberley Region of Western Australia (13 February – 6 March 2026)  
(Version 1)

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

Tropical Low 25U started on 13 February 2026 over the West Kimberley, bringing heavy rain to the region as it tracked southwest toward the Pilbara, ceasing around 21 February 2026. Tropical Low 30U formed over the north-northwest of Broome and tracked westwards over the Indian Ocean, impacting the Kimberley Region between 1 - 6 March 2026. Prior to these systems, above-average seasonal rainfall had resulted in a high degree of ground saturation. The continued heavy rainfall from Tropical Lows 25U and 30U generated moderate impacts across multiple local government areas in Western Australia (WA), including flooding and damage to essential public assets.

'*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 24 April 2026.

This activated eligible disaster will be referred to as '**AGRN 1288 - Tropical Lows 25U and 30U and Associated Flooding in the Kimberley Region of Western Australia (13 February – 6 March 2026)**'.

## DRFAWA ACTIVATED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

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

- Broome
- Derby-West Kimberley
- Halls Creek
- Wyndham-East Kimberley



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.

## **DRFAWA OVERVIEW**

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

[www.dfes.wa.gov.au/recovery-funding#resources](http://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 *essential public asset reconstruction* (EPAR) – Lite or EPAR works to fully reconstruct an essential public asset to its pre-disaster function.

### **Essential public asset reconstruction Lite**

Essential public asset reconstruction (EPAR)-Lite are reconstruction works for an essential public asset damaged as a direct result of an eligible disaster, to be fully reconstructed to its pre-disaster function, where the total estimated cost of reconstruction works on all damaged EPAs for the local government/state agency for this event is less than \$5 million.

EPAR-Lite needs to be carried out within 24-months from the end of the financial year in which the event occurred.

### **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 where the total estimated cost of reconstruction works on all damaged EPAs for the local government/state agency is more than \$5 million.



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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 contacts

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### DRFAWA AGRN #### Activated Local Government Areas

**Legend**

- DRFAWA Activated Area
- Local Government Area Boundary



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