



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

AGRN1290 - SEVERE STORM ACROSS THE SOUTH WEST AND GREAT SOUTHERN IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA (30 MAY – 1 JUNE 2026) (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

Between 30 May and 1 June 2026, a severe weather event occurred over the central west, lower west and south west areas of Western Australia, including metropolitan Perth. The event was driven by an unusually deep low-pressure system, which generated widespread destructive weather.

Bureau of Meteorology warnings indicated the potential for weather impacts not commonly experienced, with conditions described as occurring only once every three to five years.

The event resulted in destructive and damaging winds of 90 to 135 kilometres per hour, heavy rainfall of 60 to 90 millimetres, thunderstorms and dangerous surf conditions. Reported impacts included localised flooding, widespread power outages, fallen trees and vegetation obstructing roads and drainage, coastal erosion, and damage to community and public infrastructure across the affected regions.

'Storm' is 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 1 July 2026.

This activated eligible disaster will be referred to as '**AGRN1290 – Severe Storm across the South West and Great Southern in Western Australia (30 May – 1 June 2026)**'.

The State anticipates that the eligible costs for this event will primarily be associated with debris removal and 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:

- Augusta/Margaret River
- Busselton
- Denmark
- Harvey
- Jerramungup



- Plantagenet
- Ravensthorpe

DFES will liaise with local governments and State Government agencies to determine the full extent of the impacts and additional local government areas are expected to be activated over the coming days.

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 Arrangements 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 *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.

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.

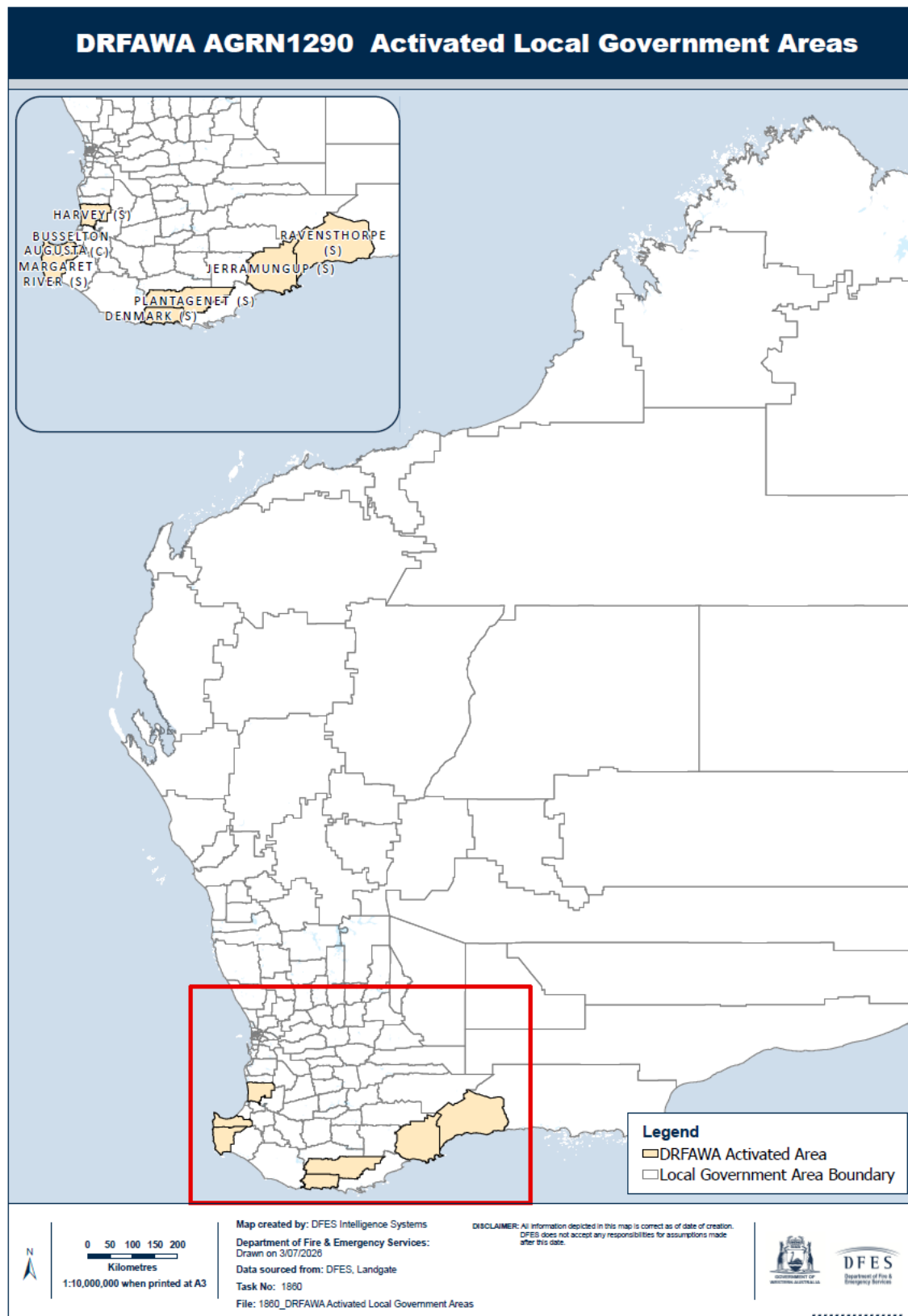
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