Queensland Reconstruction Authority

IPWEAQ Central Queensland Branch Conference
Commonwealth Reform of Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA)

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estimated expenditure under natural disaster relief and recovery arrangements in Queensland for financial years 2011 to 2017 (excludes 2017 events - estimates to be determined).
Roles and responsibilities

**Australian Government**
- Commonwealth administration of the NDRRA and funding partner

**Queensland Reconstruction Authority**
- Whole of Government responsibility for NDRRA and SDRA

**State Agencies**
- Administration of other relief measures

**Queensland Government**
- Funding partner
Disaster Funding Reforms
Commonwealth reform of the NDRRA - Background

• April 2015 - Australian National Audit Office released its audit report on Commonwealth administration of NDRRA.

• May 2015 - Productivity Commission released its final report on national natural disaster funding arrangements.
Queensland’s vision: To recover, reconnect and rebuild more resilient Queensland communities.

Objectives
- Increase **autonomy**
- **No Reduction** in assistance measures
- Build back to **current engineering standards** with **contingency** and ability for **variation**
- Funding available for **mitigation** and **betterment**
- Any change to community recovery, will focus on **streamlining process**
Key elements of Commonwealth DRFA:

- Shift to **estimate-based funding** to the state for the restoration of essential public assets
- Retain a **reimbursement model for eligible community relief and recovery expenditure**
- Potential to provide **mitigation funding from savings** in the state’s restoration program
Role of State / QRA:
• Approve Estimated Reconstruction Cost
• Manage risk and program contingency
• Assess and allocate program efficiencies
• Manage variations to approved estimate
Variations in special circumstances

- **geotechnical conditions** that could not reasonably have been foreseen or investigated in the design period
- previously unidentified **indigenous and cultural heritage** discoveries
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- delays caused by **subsequent eligible disaster events**
- **environmental conditions** that could not have reasonably been foreseen (for example, threatened species discovery)
- **safety threats** that could not reasonably have been foreseen (for example, asbestos discovery), or
- critical reduction in **water availability** that could not reasonably have been foreseen or investigated in the design period.
Commonwealth NDRRA reform – Timeline

1. Current NDRRA Arrangements
   - 30 June 2017

2. QRA Preparation and Engagement
   - 30 June 2018
   - 1 November 2018

3. QRA New Compliance Activities
   - 30 June 2019
   - Ongoing

4. DRRA funding
   - 30 June 2020
   - 30 June 2021

Commercial in-confidence
Queensland’s preparation for DRFA

QRA’s Regional Liaison Officer Network

• NDRRA and DRFA Engagement

• DRFA Capability Assessment & Development
  • Road Data
  • Asset Registers
  • Benchmarking
Applicants and QRA will be able to work in the same system, sharing the same views and functionality.

MaRS will support the requirements of DRFA.

For events occurring under DRFA, applicants will be able to log in to MaRS to:
- Request activation for disaster recovery funding
- Build and lodge submissions
- Lodge progress reports and close out documentation.
Further information

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