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Information kit

Extra support for bushfire recovery

The Australian Government has announced an extra **\$650 million** to help communities recover from the recent bushfires. It includes:

- **Funding for regional projects**, with \$448.5 million to support the delivery of local economic recovery plans, to help towns and regions get back on their feet
- **Forestry transport help**, with \$15 million to assist the forestry industry with the increased costs of transporting burned salvaged logs over longer distances to surviving timber mills or storage sites
- **Native wildlife and habitat help**, with \$149.7 million for on-ground action to protect native species and build knowledge for better land management
- **Community wellbeing help**, with \$13.5 million for locally-chosen supports to boost emotional and mental health in bushfire affected communities
- **Telecommunications help**, with \$27.1 million money to strengthen telecommunications capabilities before the next bushfire season.

We hope this kit helps you understand the new measures, so you can explain what it all means to people in your area and across your networks.

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Media release

Read the attached announcement from Australian Government Ministers on 11 May 2020.

Frequently Asked Questions

An FAQ document is attached, covering common questions about the new support.

Please share it with your public-facing staff and any members of your network who are keen to understand what's been announced.

Subscribe for updates

More information will be available soon, about how people can access help under these new measures. To hear the latest, subscribe to our fortnightly newsletter.

Visit bushfirerecovery.gov.au/news/subscribe.

Content for your newsletter

Extra support for bushfire recovery

This is an incredibly tough time for many Australians – especially those who were impacted by the bushfires, drought, and now by the COVID-19 outbreak.

The National Bushfire Recovery Agency is doubling down on its efforts to ensure communities have what they need to recover with greater flexibility and speed.

The Australian Government has announced \$650 million in new bushfire support to boost locally-led recovery and assist the communities with the greatest needs.

As part of the \$2 billion National Bushfire Recovery Fund, this assistance will fund local projects, help boost community wellbeing, assist forestry industries, fund environment work and strengthen telecommunications capability. Working together with all levels of government the extra funding will be made available across highly bushfire impacted communities to accelerate key recovery projects and initiatives.

For updates on how these initiatives are being implemented and how your community can benefit:

- [Subscribe to get updates](#) from the National Bushfire Recovery Agency
- Follow the National Bushfire Recovery Agency on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#)

Bushfire support is already available for [individuals](#), [businesses](#) and [primary producers](#). See www.bushfirerecovery.gov.au or call the state hotline **[remove as required]**:

- In New South Wales call **13 77 88**
- In Victoria call **1800 560 760**
- In South Australia call **1800 302 787**
- In Queensland call **1800 173 349**

Social media content

Feel free to use or adapt the posts below, to spread the word on social media.

You can also share posts from our facebook and twitter accounts. We are:



twitter.com/FireRecoveryAU



facebook.com/FireRecoveryAU/

Images for posts (attached)



Text for posts

Bushfire affected communities will receive a boost over the coming months. The Australian Government committed to rejuvenating the local economies of bushfire affected communities with \$650 million to support recovery efforts following the Black Summer bushfires. For more info visit bushfirerecovery.gov.au

Contact us

Email communications@bushfirerecovery.gov.au with questions about this pack.

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