



Update 1 - July 2018

# DRFA-WA – Commencing 1 November 2018

The Commonwealth has released the new Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement, referred to as the DRFA. These new arrangements will commence on 1 November 2018.

## Key points to note about the DRFA:

- Guidelines and processes are being reviewed and updated in light of the new DRFA and will be referred to as the DRFA-WA
- WANDRRA officers, previously part of the Office of Emergency Management, are now part of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. They will continue to administer WANDRRA and the DRFA-WA
- For all events that occur prior to 1 November 2018, the current WANDRRA guidelines and processes will apply.
- For all events that occur following 1 November 2018, the new DRFA-WA guidelines and processes will apply.
- Until 30 June 2021, two systems may be running in parallel, depending on when events occur and the type of damage.

## What can you expect?

- A new set of guidelines, draft templates and checklists are being developed to help users work through the documents to support the DRFA-WA.
- A frequently asked questions document is being prepared.
- The DRFA-WA Team is developing recommendations to address current challenges associated with local government cashflow concerns and delays to the processing of WANDRRA claims. Further detail will be provided once these recommendations have been endorsed by key stakeholders.
- The DRFA-WA Team will continue to try and meet with all agencies and local governments impacted by the new DRFA-WA.

## Who can you contact?

- If you have specific questions or would like a further briefing please contact the team at [drfawa@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:drfawa@dfes.wa.gov.au) or Katherine Clarke on 9395 9971.