

FACT SHEET

DRFAWA: Asset repair options

This fact sheet outlines what assets can be repaired under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Western Australia (DRFAWA) and repair options.

Essential public asset eligibility

Following a natural disaster or a terrorist act, the State and Commonwealth governments provide some financial support for relief and recovery efforts and for the repair of damaged infrastructure.

Not all assets can be repaired with costs reimbursed under the DRFAWA.

Assets that can be repaired and reimbursed must:

1. Meet the definition of a *transport or public infrastructure* essential public asset.
2. Have been directly damaged by an eligible disaster and evidence can be provided to support this.

Definitions

A *transport or public infrastructure* asset of an *eligible undertaking*, is what the State considers and the Commonwealth agrees, an integral part of the State's infrastructure and normal functioning of the community.

Transport – includes roads and road infrastructure e.g. footpaths, bike lanes and pedestrian bridges, bridges, tunnels and culverts.

Public infrastructure – an asset related to health, education, justice or welfare.

Eligible undertaking must be a body that is:

- A department or agency of a state government, or a body established by State legislation for public purposes, e.g. local governments.
- In operation of the asset, provides services free of charge or at a rate 50% or lower than the cost to provide the service.

Options available to repair essential public assets

There are three main options to repair a damaged asset.

1. Emergency works
2. Immediate reconstruction works
3. Essential public asset reconstruction works.

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An additional option for minor works is available. This option must be discussed with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).

A summary of each option follows. A more detailed fact sheet is provided for the main options.

Emergency works

- Temporary fixes and treatments only.
- Further work is required to permanently repair the damage.
- Completed within three months of the event, or from when the asset can be safely accessed.
- Inspected and signed off by the asset owner's works manager or other nominated representative with a suitable level of expertise and experience.

Immediate reconstruction works

- Permanent fix to the asset.
- Works small in scale and cost only - patching, grading, gravel re-sheeting, drainage repair.
- Costs for a single asset should not exceed \$250,000.
- Completed within three months of the event, or from when the asset can be safely accessed.
- Inspected and signed off by the asset owner's works manager or other nominated representative with a suitable level of expertise and experience.

Essential public asset reconstruction works

- All works on an essential public asset, directly damaged by an eligible disaster event, that cannot be completed within three months of the event.
- Completed no later than two years following the end of financial year in which the event occurred.
- Cost estimate due no later than 12 months after the end of financial year in which the event occurred.
- Cost estimate verified by an engineer or quantity surveyor with a suitable level of expertise and experience.

Minor works

- Same requirements as essential public asset reconstruction works, with less evidence required around asset function information.
- Discussed with a DFES Disaster Recovery Funding Officer prior to any minor works being undertaken.

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- Appropriate where works are minor in nature, as defined in the DRFA e.g. gravel re-sheeting, patching, grading, road infrastructure repair or drainage.
- Verified by an engineer or quantity surveyor with a suitable level of expertise and experience.

Evidence requirements

Evidence is required for any works undertaken and reimbursed under the DRFAWA.

The type of evidence depends on the option used to repair the damaged asset.

Evidence requirements for each option are outlined in the individual fact sheets listed below.

More information and advice

The full suite of DRFAWA fact sheets and other related documents are available on the DFES website (www.dfes.wa.gov.au).

Refer to the following fact sheets for more detailed information on asset repair options:

- Emergency works
- Immediate reconstruction
- Essential public asset reconstruction

If you have any questions or need additional support, contact the Disaster Recovery Funding team at drfawa@dfes.wa.gov.au.