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## DRFAWA: Guiding principles

The Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Western Australia (DRFAWA) provides financial assistance following natural disaster events or terrorist acts.

DRFAWA provides specific relief and recovery measures, however not all recovery activities are funded.

Below are guiding principles to assist with understanding the DRFAWA. These principles do not replace the DRFAWA primary document, which takes precedence.

### 1. **Asset owners are ultimately responsible**

- Asset owners are wholly responsible for the financial, operational and technical delivery of restoration projects.
- Asset owners will only be reimbursed for expenditure that meets the requirements of the DRFAWA.
- Asset owners can contract out works, engage consultants or employ independent supervisors and project managers, however the local government or state government agency is wholly responsible for the project.

### 2. **The DRFAWA reimburses eligible costs for damaged essential public assets to be returned to their pre-disaster function**

- Pre-disaster function means restoring the asset so that it operates as it did before the disaster event. It must be restored using the same/similar materials and to the same dimensions and layout.
- Be aware that expenditure may be deemed ineligible for reimbursement under the DRFAWA, if the works result in an essential public asset exceeding its pre-disaster function.
- If it is not possible to restore an essential public asset to its pre-disaster function, or if asset owners want to make any changes to the pre-disaster function, they must contact and discuss with DFES prior to starting works.

### 3. **Ensure individual and community assistance is provided and essential public assets are restored in a cost-effective manner**

- Normal business-as-usual rules and practices apply when procuring goods and services, noting that exemptions may apply when emergency situations are authorised by the appropriate Accountable Authority.
- All expenditure submitted for reimbursement under the DRFAWA will be reviewed to determine if it is eligible. In the event ineligible costs are found,

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these costs will be the responsibility of the local government or state agency.

- Evidence of impact and expenditure is required to support all claims.

## **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](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)).

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