



National Bushfire Recovery Agency

Breaking News - \$650 million in extra support announced

From the National Bushfire Recovery Coordinator

We have an exciting update for our bushfire affected communities.

The Australian Government has [announced](#) **\$650 million** in extra bushfire support that will focus on locally-led recovery.

The package includes:

- Regional Bushfire Recovery and Development Program (**\$448.5 million**) to support local economic recovery plans and fund key projects, with priority given to severely affected regions
- Forestry Industries Bushfire Support (**\$15 million**) to assist with the costs of transporting logs salvaged from bushfire-affected areas. States will be invited to cost-match
- Community Wellbeing and Participation (**\$13.4 million**) to back Primary Health Networks with additional funding to provide critical, localised emotional and mental health support for bushfire affected individuals
- Bushfire Recovery for Species and Landscapes (**\$149.7 million**) to support efforts that go beyond the immediate devastation on species and natural assets through habitat regeneration, waterway and catchment restoration including erosion control, weed and pest management
- Telecommunications Emergency Resilience (**\$27.1 million**) to strengthen telecommunications capabilities prior to future natural disasters, including the deployment of approximately 2000 satellite phones, plus batteries and solar panels, to rural fire depots and evacuation centres.

This is an incredibly tough time for many Australians – especially those who are impacted directly or indirectly 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.

For more information on the new measures visit our [website](#) and watch Twitter and Facebook for more updates.

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