



Bushfire Hub



In a bush fire emergency, NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) works with Local Land Services (LLS) to support the NSW Rural Fire Service to:

- Assist primary producers, animal holding establishments and the community to be prepared for bushfires
- Coordinate rescue, evacuation and emergency care for animals
- Coordinate assessment, humane destruction and disposal of affected animals
- Support recovery arrangements including providing impact damage assessments and contributing to recovery centres and committees

Being prepared is a key to minimising the impacts of fire on your property, your family and your animals.

In an emergency, call 000

Emergency bushfire response

DPI and LLS are providing assistance to landholders and communities with animal welfare-related issues resulting from bushfires, including:

- Emergency fodder (up to three days supply)
- Emergency stock where (where there is an immediate animal welfare concern)
- Animal assessment and veterinary assistance
- Stock euthanasia and burial
- Livestock feeding and management advice
- Care of animals in evacuation centres

Call the Agricultural and Animal Services Hotline on 1800 814 647



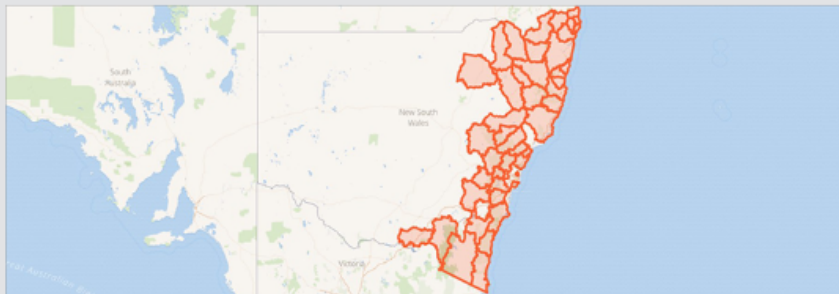
Report fire damage to the online [natural disaster damage survey](#)

For **Fodder pick up locations** and **Animal safe places** visit the [Current situation](#) page

Financial assistance

Natural disaster assistance is available to help communities and individuals directly affected by flood, fire, storm damage or any other declared natural disaster. To support relief and recovery following a declared natural disaster a range of measures are made available by the NSW Government.

The [Rural Assistance Authority](#) (RAA) provides a range of financial assistance and support during a natural disaster, including the following grants and loans.



Natural Disaster Assistance Available

Click this [interactive map](#) to access all available financial assistance within your LGA.

Grants

Loans

Call the Rural Assistance Authority: 1800 678 593

See an overview of assistance: [printable A4](#) or [printable pamphlet](#)

Federal Government assistance

A range of financial assistance and support for communities during emergencies and natural disasters is available from the [Office of Emergency Management](#) and [Department of Human Services](#).

Bushfire recovery

The impact of fires, floods and other natural disasters can affect primary producers beyond their own resilience levels, requiring assistance to recover personally and financially.

NSW DPI and LLS coordinate and provide recovery assistance and advice to landholders, primary producers, commercial fishers and other industries impacted by a natural disaster event.

A **quick guide to [natural disaster recovery assistance for primary producers](#) is available**, providing high level information on recovery for affected landholders. Technical information and guidance on recovery management decisions can be found below.

Following a bushfire, there could be **dangers to people and animals from contamination**. Visit [Managing contaminant risks after a fire](#) for more information.

Livestock welfare

Pasture and vegetation

Water

Pests and weeds

Bees

Aquaculture

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Cropping

Viticulture

Fish kills

Health and wellbeing

Rural Resilience Program

[Rural Resilience Program](#) staff provide information on support available for farmers and their families or workers recovering from natural disasters and can connect them with relevant support services and assistance packages.

Rural Recovery Team:

Phone: 0437497555

Email: rural.recovery@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Mental health toolkit for the fires

The Australian National University has developed a free [Community Trauma Toolkit](#) containing resources to help support adults and children before, during and after bushfires.

Contacts

- Mental Health Line: 1800 011 511
- Beyondblue: 1300 224 636
- Mensline: 1300 789 978
- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800

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An extensive list of health and wellbeing support and contacts during a natural disaster is available on [DroughtHub](#).

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