

# **NSW STORM AND FLOOD RECOVERY PACKAGE PHASE THREE**

## **Storm and Flood Industry Recovery Program Framework**



## Message from the Deputy Premier



New South Wales' agriculture, horticulture and aquaculture industries play a pivotal role in building our State's robust and thriving economy. Still reeling from the impacts of prolonged drought, bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic, these industries were further devastated by the storms and floods that enveloped many parts of NSW in February and March this year.

The \$80 million Storms and Floods Industry Recovery Program is co-funded by the NSW and Australian governments and is a firm commitment to support these industries rebound after yet another natural disaster. This program will strengthen the resilience of these driver industries, supporting their recovery, as well as generating jobs and economic activity.

The Supply Chain Support Grant under this program will support the medium to longer-term recovery needs of primary producers and businesses across NSW's agriculture, horticulture and aquaculture industries that were heavily impacted by the storms and floods in February and March. Direct funding to producers will provide the assistance that many businesses need to recover, in turn helping other businesses and communities that rely on these industries to remain viable into the future.

In addition, the Sector Recovery and Resilience Grant will fund industry-wide recovery and resilience initiatives – investing in the future growth and preparedness of severely impacted industries.

Building on the success of our Bushfire Industry Recovery Package, the Department of Regional NSW has comprehensively reviewed the impacts from the storms and floods and consulted with impacted industries to design a program that meets the unique recovery needs of each of the impacted sectors.

While the NSW Government continues its work to improve everyday life across the regions, our focus has also been on dealing with the impact of drought, bushfires, COVID-19, storms and floods, and ensuring regional communities have everything they need to thrive.

The Storm and Flood Industry Recovery Program is a reminder that the NSW Government will do what's needed to protect jobs, create new employment opportunities and keep regional economies strong. I encourage potential applicants to take every available opportunity to secure the funding needed to recover, grow and thrive through these challenging times.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Barilaro'.

**The Hon John Barilaro**

Deputy Premier  
Minister for Regional New South Wales,  
Industry and Trade  
Minister for Disaster Recovery



## Overview

The agriculture, horticulture and aquaculture industries were significantly impacted by storms and floods across many areas of NSW in February and March 2021. Many businesses and farms have faced a large clean-up effort as a result of the storm and flood event and have lost on-farm infrastructure, animals, stores and crops.

Many of the impacted regions and primary producers have also been slowly recovering from the impacts of drought, bushfires and COVID-19 further impacting the ability of these industries and businesses to 'bounce-back' from yet another natural disaster.

Primary industries are a significant economic driver, particularly in regional NSW. Agriculture, horticulture and aquaculture had combined economic production in 2018-2019 of more than \$9.6 billion for NSW. These industries also support more than 67,000 direct jobs and more than 17,900 indirect jobs in NSW in 2019-2020.<sup>1</sup>

The NSW and Australian governments are committed to providing ongoing support for communities impacted by the February and March 2021 storms and floods, with a total of \$790 million committed to support community, economic and environmental recovery.

The \$80 million Storm and Flood Industry Recovery Program (SFIRP) is one of eight recovery programs announced in July 2021 under Phase Three of the NSW Storm and Flood Recovery Package (NSW SFR Package). All projects supported under the SFIRP will be jointly funded by the NSW and Australian governments.

The SFIRP is critical to key primary production industries in storm and flood hit areas, helping them to remain viable and effectively recover to support the local and State economy.

The Department of Regional NSW (the Department) conducted extensive analysis to better understand and document the direct damage experienced from the February and March 2021 storms and floods. This has been supported by direct engagement through state and regional recovery subcommittees, industry working groups and direct consultation with industry representative organisations. The funding provided under the SFIRP has been designed to complement existing support measures in place under Phase One and Two of the NSW SFR Package.



<sup>1</sup> NSW Department of Primary Industries, *Performance Data & Insights* data

## Purpose of this Framework

The purpose of this Framework is to outline key program objectives, eligibility criteria and timeframes for NSW storm and flood-affected primary producers under the \$80 million SFIRP.

### Objective

The objective of SFIRP is to support the medium to longer-term recovery needs of impacted primary producers by supporting job retention, and the future resilience and preparedness efforts of targeted agricultural, horticultural and aquacultural industries.

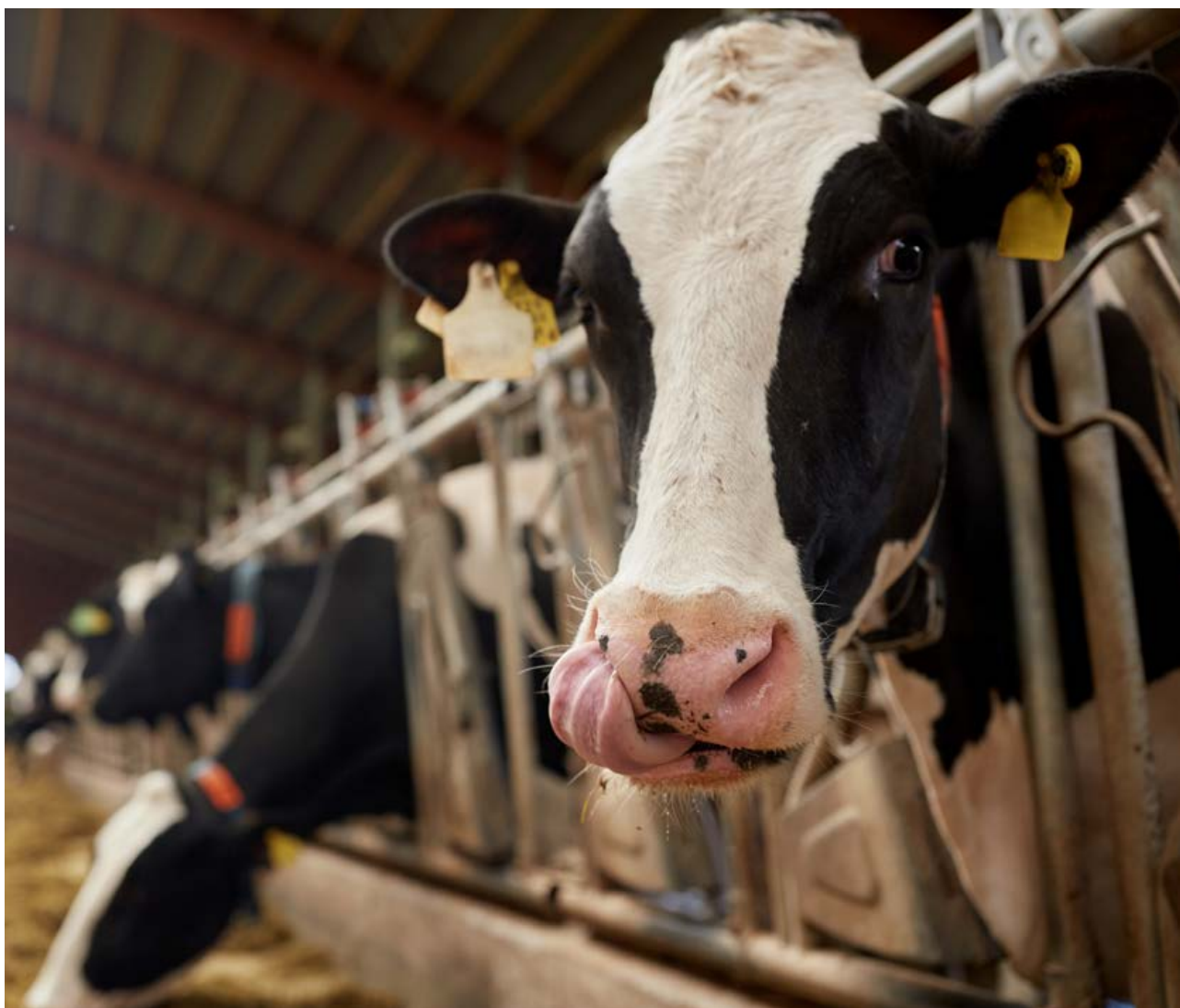
### Delivery and Funding

The SFIRP will provide up to \$80 million in NSW and Australian government funding. Funding will be available to the industry sectors identified as most disproportionately impacted by the February and March 2021 storms and floods (AGRN 960 and AGRN 954). The \$80 million SFIRP is designed to be delivered through two targeted grants:

#### STREAM 1

##### Supply Chain Support Grant (SCSG) (approximately \$50 million)

- Funding for projects to help producers and production enterprises in targeted industries, located in disaster declared areas impacted by the February and March 2021 storms and floods.
- Funding and projects will complement the \$75,000 Special Disaster Grant (SDG) and support producers and primary production enterprises to rebuild and recover in the medium and longer-term, supporting job security, future resilience and enabling future production.
- The maximum value of the grant available to producers will vary by industry sector.
- A 50:50 financial or in kind co-contribution from applicants is an eligibility requirement as detailed in the Industry Guidelines  
[raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/supply-chain-support-grants](https://raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/supply-chain-support-grants)





## STREAM 2

### Sector Recovery and Resilience Grant (SRRG) (approximately \$30 million)

- Funding for medium to longer-term recovery and resilience projects in the February and March 2021 storm and flood-declared Local Government Areas (LGAs) that will support industry-wide recovery, with a focus on building resilience and preparedness for future natural disasters.
- Projects will be designed and selected in partnership between government and target impacted industries to ensure the unique recovery needs of individual industries and key production regions are considered and supported.
- The project grant value will vary depending on the project scope and compliance with the Framework Criteria.
- Co-contributions are strongly encouraged.

Further SFIRP details are provided in Appendices A and B.

## Industry Consultation

SFIRP was developed following extensive industry consultation by the Department in collaboration with NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI), Local Land Services (LLS), Resilience NSW, Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) and the National Recovery and Resilience Agency (NRRA). The design, eligibility and criteria detailed within this Framework has been determined based on the unique, demonstrated recovery needs of impacted industries.



# STREAM 1 Supply Chain Support Grant

## Objective

The objective of the SFIRP Stream 1 SCSG is to provide funding to help primary producers and primary production enterprises impacted by storms and floods in February and March 2021 to rebuild and recover in the medium to longer-term with the aim of supporting job security, future resilience and enabling future production.

## Funding and Eligibility

Approximately \$50 million will be available under SCSG to primary producers in targeted industries impacted by and operating in LGAs declared under the February and March 2021 storms and floods (AGRN 960 and AGRN 954). These LGAs are listed in Appendix C. Assistance is provided per affected property and per ABN.

The SCSG complements the \$75,000 Special Disaster Grant (SDG). Producers in the identified target industry sectors who have sought the full value of the SDG are considered to be disproportionately impacted and therefore eligible for additional recovery support through the SCSG. There are similarities across SDG and SCSG for applicant eligibility and eligible costs. Both grants are administered by RAA. Refer to the Industry Guidelines on the RAA website for further details on how to apply for the SCSG [raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/supply-chain-support-grants](https://raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/supply-chain-support-grants)

## Targeted Industries

SCSG target industries that have been identified as heavily impacted are:

- agriculture – dairy, extensive livestock (sheep and cattle) and broadacre cropping
- aquaculture – oysters and mussels
- horticulture – turf, vegetables, berries, cut flowers and plant nurseries.

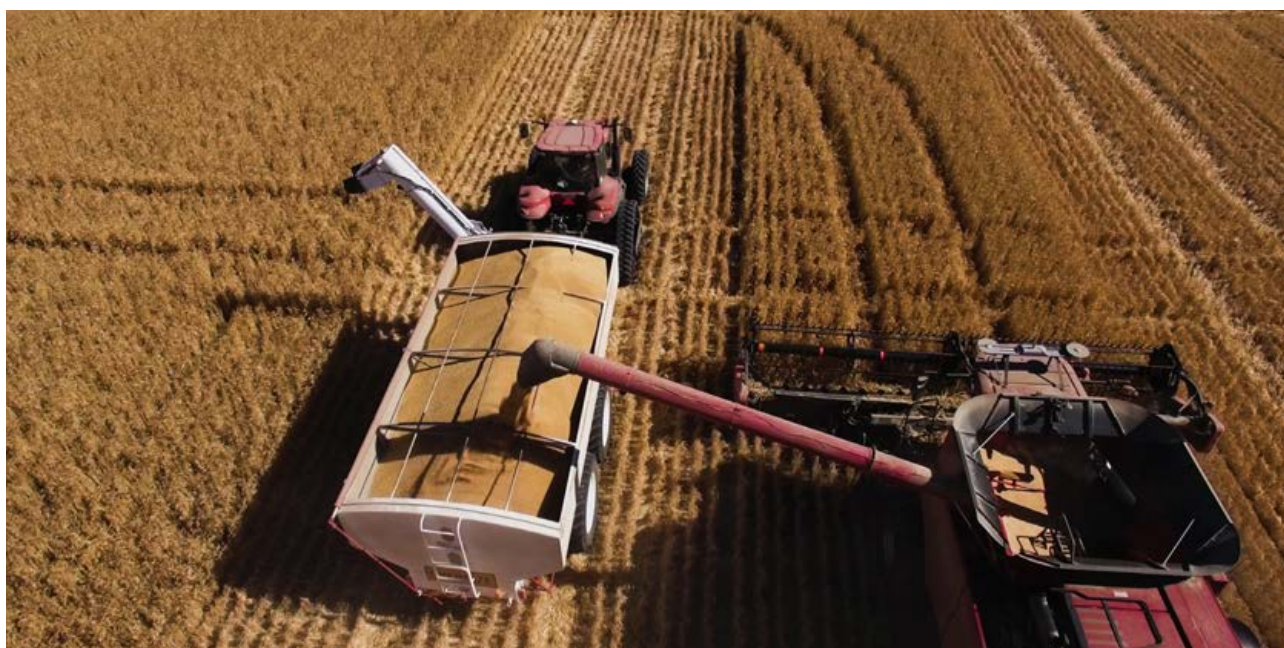
Support available per sector:

- dairy – up to \$100,000 per applicant
- extensive livestock (sheep and cattle) and turf – up to \$75,000 per applicant
- broadacre cropping – up to \$50,000 per applicant
- oysters and mussels, vegetables, berries, cut flowers and plant nurseries – up to \$30,000 per applicant.

Support rates per sector have been developed based on impact data and reflect estimated average industry need to further support recovery.

Applicants with successful claims will receive milestone payments dependent on the sum of their claim.

There will be a consideration process in-place for exceptional circumstances for applicants outside the targeted industries where major impact and need are demonstrated. This process will be at the discretion of the Department. Refer to [raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/supply-chain-support-grants](https://raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/supply-chain-support-grants) for further details.





## Key Dates

PROGRAM	KEY PHASE	DATE
<b>SFIRP Stream 1 Supply Chain Support Grant (SCSG)</b>	Applications open	30 September 2021
	Applications close	2pm 30 June 2022
	Applicant notification	Within 20 working days of a submitted application
	Project(s) and expenditure completion	30 May 2023

In extenuating circumstances, late applications may be accepted at the sole discretion of RAA.

## Find Out More

SFIRP Stream 1 Supply Chain Support Grant - [raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/supply-chain-support-grants](https://raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/supply-chain-support-grants)

### Contact us

Email: [rural.assist@raa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rural.assist@raa.nsw.gov.au)

Call: 1800 678 593

### Getting support

Frequently asked questions and other resources to assist with applications are available at [raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/supply-chain-support-grants](https://raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/supply-chain-support-grants)

If you require assistance or advice with your application, please contact [rural.assist@raa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rural.assist@raa.nsw.gov.au) or 1800 678 593 for a referral to the appropriate team.

### Complaints

Any concerns about SFIRP or individual project submissions please write to [floods.recovery@regional.nsw.gov.au](mailto:floods.recovery@regional.nsw.gov.au)

If you do not agree with the way the Department handled the issue, you may wish to contact the NSW Ombudsman via [ombo.nsw.gov.au](https://ombo.nsw.gov.au)



## STREAM 2 Sector Recovery and Resilience Grant

### Objective

The objective of the SFIRP Stream 2 SRRG is to provide funding toward medium to longer-term projects that help industry-wide recovery, with a focus on building resilience and preparedness for future natural disasters.

### Funding and Eligibility

Approximately \$30 million will be available to the industry sectors directly impacted by the February and March 2021 storms and floods (AGRN 960 and AGRN 954). A list of these LGAs is in Appendix C.

Between \$200,000 and \$5 million will be available per project under the SRRG. All projects must have a Business Case which will be assessed by an Assessment Panel against the Framework Criteria. Projects will be required to demonstrate broad benefit to their respective industry, and local and regional economies. Successful projects will receive milestone payments as determined by the Department in the funding deed. The structure of project milestones will be at the sole discretion of the Department and will be outlined in the funding deed.

### Eligible Industries

Funding will be available for projects that support the medium to longer-term recovery of the following targeted sectors impacted by the February and March 2021 storms and floods:

- dairy, extensive livestock (sheep and cattle), broadacre cropping, oysters and mussels, turf, vegetables, berries, cut flowers, plant nurseries
- other industries may be selected based on demonstrated recovery needs.

### Eligible Recipients

To be eligible, recipients must be invited to submit a project Business Case(s) by the Department. The Department will work with key government organisations, industry associations and other recognised industry representatives to mutually agree on eligible recipients to deliver sector resilience and recovery projects under SRRG. The final decision on invited applicant organisations will be made by the Department. Eligible recipients could include industry associations, co-operatives, NSW Government agencies or other organisations with a proven and well-recognised sector-wide role in the eligible industries. The Department will manage any potential conflict of interest in line with best practice grant management principles and consistent with the SFIRP Probity Plan and an appropriate organisational structure that allows them to enter into a funding deed with the NSW government.

### Eligible Projects

Eligible projects must:

- have a primary focus on recovery from the storms and floods, building resilience and/or preparedness for future natural disasters within targeted industries
- support sector-wide business and primary production enterprise training, monitoring, systems, innovative management and development
- build industry sustainability, support or increase value-add production, improve supply-chain efficiencies, support product viability or diversification, support market expansion or other innovative activities that will support sustainable jobs.

### Ineligible Projects

Projects are not intended to provide direct benefit or support to private interests. Ineligible activities include:

- business as usual commercial activities
- funding for pre-planned commercial upgrades or staged growth of individual businesses
- duplicate or covering costs associated with existing employee costs and/or arrangements.

The Assessment Panel will consider the suitability of all costs proposed as part of a submitted Business Case and may rule other costs not listed here as ineligible.

### Project Identification Process

The Department will work with government agencies, industry peak bodies and industry representatives from eligible industries to form a Working Group and identify projects that support sector-wide recovery, resilience and innovation. Industry will be asked to support the identification of the most-appropriate organisation to deliver the identified project(s). Further details are provided in Appendix A.

Each eligible industry must put forward a Business Case for each identified project or package of projects under SRRG. The Business Case template is available at [nsw.gov.au/SFIRP](https://nsw.gov.au/SFIRP)

Each Business Case must demonstrate comprehensive consultation with industry members to ensure that the proposed project reflects industry needs. An Assessment Panel, including independent representatives, will review each Business Case against the Framework Criteria. Further details are provided in Appendix A.



## Key Dates

PROGRAM	KEY PHASE	DATE
<b>SFIRP Stream 2 Sector Recovery and Resilience Grant (SRRG)</b>	Industry engagement and project identification	From October 2021
	Business Case development and submission	From February to March 2022
	The Department's assessment and consideration by Assessment Panel	April 2022
	Projects announced	From May 2022
	Project(s) and expenditure completion	30 May 2024

## Find out more

SFIRP Stream 2 Sector Recovery and Resilience Grant – [nsw.gov.au/SFIRP](https://nsw.gov.au/SFIRP)

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### Getting support

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## APPENDIX A

# STREAM 2 SRRG Further Details

## Example Projects

Eligible recovery, preparedness, resilience and innovation projects under the SRRG may include (but are not limited to):

- construction of additional flood protection
- development of tailored preparedness and response tools and training
- research and design of improved processes and products
- market access and diversification strategies or support
- implementation of monitoring programs for contamination, food safety, animal welfare and product viability
- implementation of management programs for improved land management and supply chain management
- development of preparedness and resilience systems, tools and training including geographical information systems
- mental health and wellbeing initiatives.

## Industry Engagement Process and Identification of Projects

The Department will lead targeted engagement with relevant industry associations, representatives, organisations and agencies, to agree on a list of eligible recipients.

The industry engagement and project identification will be managed through a Working Group consisting of representatives from NSW Government departments, Australian Government departments and key industry organisations. The Working Group will engage with the identified industries as well as discuss other industries whose recovery needs are aligned with the grant.

Potential conflicts of interest for the Working Group will be managed by the Department including but not limited to making funding decisions.

Once the engagement process is finalised, eligible recipients will be invited by the Department to submit a Business Case(s) under SRRG. Equity of the industry engagement and project identification process depends heavily on consultation and engagement with industry and facilitating the needs of targeted industries and producers.

The targeted process aims to:

- support recovery needs that are beyond the reasonable scope of individual primary producers
- support the development of direct projects which will support broad industry recovery
- ensure recovery and resilience projects build upon the extensive analysis and understanding of the unique recovery needs for each targeted industry
- support tailored and timely recovery projects for impacted industries
- support the utilisation of industry experts to ensure an effective recovery partnership approach between government and industry.

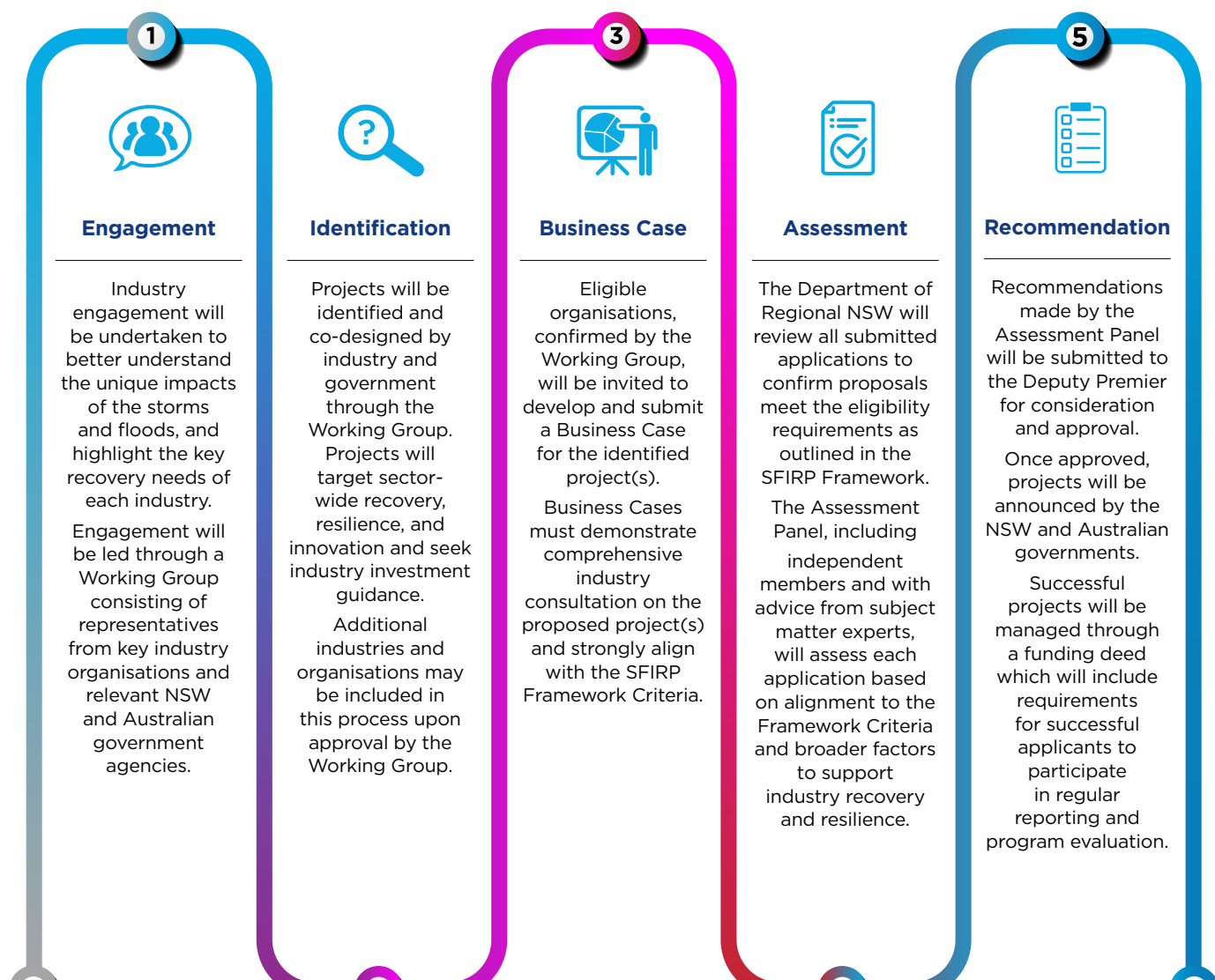
Eligible projects identified by industry associations and organisations will be required to develop and submit a Business Case. Each Business Case must address the Framework Criteria. An example Business Case is available [nsw.gov.au/SFIRP](https://nsw.gov.au/SFIRP). Industry organisations and associations will be required to demonstrate consultation with impacted producers to ensure there has been comprehensive consultation on the proposed projects.

For further details on the industry engagement process and project identification please refer to [nsw.gov.au/SFIRP](https://nsw.gov.au/SFIRP)



# Storm and Flood Industry Recovery Program Sector Recovery and Resilience Grant

## PROJECT IDENTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS



For further information please refer to the the Storm and Flood Industry Recovery Program Framework and Industry Guidelines available at [nsw.gov.au/SFIRP](https://nsw.gov.au/SFIRP)

## Assessment Process

The Department will review all submitted projects for eligibility and obtain subject matter expert advice on alignment of the proposal with the Framework Criteria. The Department's review will be conducted prior to consideration by the Assessment Panel.

The Assessment Panel will be comprised of NSW and Australian government representatives, including independent member(s). The Assessment Panel may also seek advice from Government agencies and independent industry subject matter experts to assist in their decision making process. The Assessment Panel will be independent of the SRRG Working Group.

The Assessment Panel will consider eligibility and advice on project alignment against the Framework Criteria when making their final funding recommendations. The Assessment Panel may consider broader factors to support the overall recovery package in making any funding recommendations. All funding recommendations will be submitted to the Deputy Premier for consideration and approval. The Assessment Panel may refer projects to other funding programs administered by NSW or the Australian Government where a more suitable funding source is identified.

## Framework Criteria

All project Business Cases will be assessed against the degree of alignment to the following Framework Criteria.

CATEGORY	DETAIL
<b>Resilience building</b>	Supporting measurable outcomes that show how the project supports the productivity, sustainability, preparedness and resilience of the impacted sector.
<b>Collaboration</b>	Demonstrated linkages of the project to broad, industry-wide recovery, multiple primary production enterprises and resilience building outcomes and complementary benefits for that and similar industries.
<b>Alignment</b>	Strong alignment of the project to overall industry recovery and current recovery activities following the storms and floods. Avoids duplication with other recovery initiatives already funded or underway.
<b>Viability and deliverability</b>	The project is assessed as viable, affordable and deliverable, with an appropriate organisation with relevant experience selected to undertake the project delivery.
<b>Job retention and creation</b>	The project will support the retention and creation of jobs, particularly in storm and flood impacted regions.

Broader factors that may be considered when assessing an overall suite of projects suitable for funding in a target industry include:

- variety of project size, scale, type and focus area
- quantum of funding available
- high level of support provided to the industry supply chain
- priority of a project to the local and regional industry sector and/or economy
- suitability of projects for other government funding opportunities
- broader industry recovery context and outlook
- alignment with existing NSW and Australian government policies and strategies
- market failure, market barriers and the role of government.

## Consideration Process

For SFIRP Stream 2 SRRG, if your industry has not been approached by the Department and you wish to be considered, you and/or your industry peak body can write to the Department at [floods.recovery@regional.nsw.gov.au](mailto:floods.recovery@regional.nsw.gov.au) to request consideration and provide justification of significant industry impact. Upon contact the Department will provide a template for the submission of evidence of industry impact and recovery needs.

The Department will liaise with the relevant members in the Working Group and where appropriate may request that the Working Group industry members liaise directly with requestors. Evidence of the request, consultation and the outcome must be provided to the Working Group for discussion. Requests that are determined to be eligible as per the published Framework and have potential for strong alignment with the Framework Criteria will be developed into a Business Case for submission to the Assessment Panel.

If the Working Group determine that the request does not have strong alignment with SFIRP objectives, then feedback will be provided without the option of appeal.

For SFIRP Stream 1 SCSG targeted industries, refer to the frequently asked questions at [raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/supply-chain-support-grants](https://raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/supply-chain-support-grants)







## APPENDIX B

# SFIRP Program Management

## Probity and Governance

An independent probity advisor will provide guidance on issues concerning integrity, fairness and accountability that may arise throughout the submission, assessment and decision process. This will help ensure decisions are made with integrity, fairness and accountability, while delivering value for money for NSW.

The SFIRP will be subject to strict governance with fair and transparent assessment processes. A Probity Plan has been developed to oversee the delivery of the SFIRP.

A Probity Report will be published by the Department at the completion of the program.

## Successful Applicants

Successful applicants under both Stream 1 SCSG and Stream 2 SRRG will be required to participate in a program evaluation after the project has commenced to determine the extent to which their projects have contributed to the objectives of SFIRP.

Funding recipients will be required to provide evidence of how projects resulted in measurable benefits consistent with the objectives of the fund, with a focus on employment, recovery and growth.

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of each application.

## STREAM 1 SCSG Successful Applicants

Successful applicants for SFIRP Stream 1 SCSG will be notified in writing within 20 working days of receipt of a submitted application. Additional info of the application and assessment process is available at [raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/supply-chain-support-grants](http://raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/supply-chain-support-grants)

There are significant controls in-place for fraud management and successful applicants may be audited to verify the accuracy of the claim and evidence provided. Applicants should note:

- if successful, the NSW and Australian governments reserve the right to use recipient and project information in media regarding the SFIRP. Information may be used in the form of press releases, case studies, promotional material and in response to media enquiries relevant to the SFIRP
- successful applicants will be required to enter a funding agreement with the NSW Government. The type of funding agreement will depend on the approved grant value
- grants will be paid via milestone payments set out in the agreement and timing and requirements will vary depending on the grant value
- successful applicants will be required to provide relevant additional documentation on claims including a copy of all relevant insurances and project approvals
- successful applicants may also be required to submit quarterly project progress reports to the NSW Government and auditing documentation as outlined in the funding agreement
- successful applicants will be required to pay back unspent funds or those funds which have not been spent and/or cannot be evidenced as spent in accordance with the funding agreement
- the Department reserves the right to undertake an audit of grant funding within seven years. Funding recipients are required to keep an appropriate paper trail for audit and assurance purposes.



## STREAM 2 SRRG Successful Applicants

Successful applicants for SFIRP Stream 2 SRRG will be notified in writing within 20 working days from NSW Government approval. Applicants should note:

- the NSW and Australian governments may choose to publicly announce grant funding of projects. Successful applicants may be requested to keep the grant confidential for a period of time if an announcement is to be made by the NSW and Australian governments
- if successful, the NSW and Australian governments reserve the right to use recipient and project information in media regarding the SFIRP. Information may be used in the form of press releases, case studies, promotional material and in response to media enquiries relevant to the SFIRP
- successful applicants will be required to enter a funding deed with the NSW Government
- under the funding deed recipients will be required to provide additional documentation on claims including a copy of all relevant insurances and project approvals
- successful applicants will be required to submit quarterly project progress reports to the NSW Government and auditing documentation as outlined in the funding deed
- grants will be paid via milestone payments set out in the funding deed and timing and requirements will vary depending on the scope and timelines of the project
- requests for variations or changes to the project will only be considered in limited circumstances
- successful applicants will be required to pay back unspent funds or those funds which have not been spent and/or cannot be evidenced as spent in accordance with the funding deed
- the Department reserves the right to undertake an audit of grant funding within seven years. Funding recipients are required to keep an appropriate paper trail for audit and assurance purposes.

## Monitoring and Evaluation

Evaluating government programs enables the success of programs to be robustly assessed, provides confidence in program integrity and informs improvements for future programs. Funding recipients from both Stream 1 SCSG and Stream 2 SRRG may be required to partake in the evaluation of SFIRP. Monitoring and evaluation of the SFIRP will be undertaken in-line with best practice to determine the effectiveness of SFIRP including the NSW Government Program Evaluation Guidelines (2016) and the requirements set out in the NSW Treasury TC18-03 Program Evaluation. Evaluation elements will be embedded into SFIRP to ensure the ability to assess effectiveness. The evaluation will assess:

- the effectiveness of program design, implementation and delivery of SFIRP objective(s)
- the progress towards achieving program outcomes
- the alignment of delivered program outcomes to SFIRP objective(s).

The SFIRP evaluation will be one component of the overall NSW SFR Package evaluation.

## Public Acknowledgment

Under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, all projects under the SFIRP must appropriately acknowledge and recognise that it is jointly funded by the NSW Government and the Australian Government under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. The announcement of assistance must be done jointly by the NSW and Australian governments, unless otherwise agreed.

Prior agreement must be reached with the Australian Government on the nature and content of any subsequent events, announcements, promotional material or publicity relating to DRFA assistance measures. This includes but is not limited to media releases, events, social media, signage and advertising.

To obtain the required agreement, SFIRP grant recipients must contact the Department at [floods.recovery@regional.nsw.gov.au](mailto:floods.recovery@regional.nsw.gov.au), and the Department will in turn liaise with Resilience NSW and Australian government representatives regarding the events, announcements, promotional material or publicity.

Publications must include both the NSW and Australian governments' logos and the following disclaimer: 'Although funding for this product has been provided by both the NSW and Australian governments, the material contained herein does not necessarily represent the views of either Government'.

The Department will identify and inform Resilience NSW and the Australian Government of media opportunities relating to SFIRP.

## Disclaimer

Before applying for funding under this program or making any decision, recipients should seek advice from their legal, business and financial advisers to determine their eligibility for, and the terms of the funding.

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Costs for the administration, monitoring and evaluation of the program will be met from the total budget allocated for funding delivery under the SFIRP.

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- restricting access to information only when there is an overriding public interest against disclosure.

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## APPENDIX C

### AGRN 960 and AGRN 954 Disaster-Declared Local Government Areas

The following list details the 78 local government areas disaster-declared under AGRN 960 and AGRN 954:

- Armidale
- Ballina
- Bathurst
- Bega Valley
- Bellingen
- Blacktown
- Blue Mountains
- Bogan
- Brewarrina
- Byron
- Cabonne
- Camden
- Campbelltown
- Canterbury-Bankstown
- Central Coast
- Central Darling
- Cessnock City Council
- Clarence Valley
- Cobar
- Coffs Harbour City
- Coonamble
- Cumberland
- Dungog Shire
- Eurobodalla
- Fairfield
- Georges River
- Gilgandra
- Glen Innes Severn
- Goulburn Mulwaree
- Greater Hume
- Gunnedah
- Gwydir
- Hawkesbury
- Hornsby
- Hunters Hill
- Inner West
- Inverell
- Kempsey
- Ku-ring-gai
- Kyogle
- Lachlan
- Lake Macquarie City
- Lismore City
- Lithgow
- Liverpool
- Liverpool Plains
- Maitland City
- Mid-Coast
- Moree Plains
- Muswellbrook
- Nambucca Valley
- Narrabri
- Narromine
- Newcastle City
- Northern Beaches
- Oberon
- Parramatta
- Penrith
- Port Stephens
- Port-Macquarie-Hastings
- Queanbeyan-Palerang
- Richmond Valley
- Shoalhaven
- Singleton
- Snowy Monaro
- Sutherland
- Tamworth
- Temora
- Tenterfield
- The Hills
- Tweed
- Upper Lachlan
- Uralla
- Walcha
- Walgett
- Warren
- Wingecarribee
- Wollondilly









## More information

SFIRP Stream 1 Supply Chain Support Grant

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