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Northern Rivers Resilient Homes Fund: Resilient Homes Program

Overview

The Australian and NSW Government's Resilient Homes Program will help Northern Rivers homeowners impacted by the February and March 2022 floods.

The program has been developed by the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation to improve the resilience of homes in high-risk flood areas in the Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley, and Tweed local government areas.

Available Funding

The Resilient Homes Program will offer eligible homeowners one of the three available measures, based on expert property assessments, flood impact severity data, safety risks and potential future flood levels:

- **Home Buy-back** - the homeowner receives a payment for the purchase of the land and house at pre-flood value, or
 - **Home Raising** - up to \$100,000 towards the cost of elevating home liveable areas and associated retrofitting, or
 - **Home Retrofit** - up to \$50,000 towards the cost of retrofit and/or repair works to incorporate flood resilient design and materials in liveable areas
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Eligible Recipients

To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:

- You are a homeowner (owner-occupier or landlord) of a residence

(house/unit/duplex) in the Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley or Tweed LGAs (Local Government Areas) prior to the February and March 2022 floods.

- You are the homeowner of a residence that was either:
 - directly damaged by flood waters in the February and March 2022 floods, OR
 - damaged as a result of landslip caused by the February and March 2022 floods.
 - Your home is a residence (house/unit/duplex) not used primarily for business purposes
 - You meet the impact eligibility criteria relevant to each program stream.
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Next Steps

The Resilient Homes Program will commence customer outreach from November 2022.

If you are already engaged in the Flood Property Assessment Program, delivered by NSW Public Works and Johns Lyng Group, then you will be contacted automatically.

Other homeowners can register their interest in the Resilient Homes Program by filling in the online contact details form at www.nsw.gov.au/resilienthomesprogram.

More Information

More information about the program is available at www.nsw.gov.au/resilienthomesprogram

Enquiries can be directed to the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation via email at info@nrrc.nsw.gov.au.

Further Support

Use the **Disaster Assistance Finder** (www.disasterassistance.service.nsw.gov.au) to find support for people affected by the floods.

Find mental health support at NSW Mental Health Line: 1800 011 511

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In extenuating circumstances, applications submitted after the deadline may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Corporation.

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