

Disaster Recovery Infrastructure Funding

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Current processes are overly complex and bureaucratic, placing unnecessary strain on local councils and delaying recovery efforts for disaster impacted communities.

Council urges the consolidation of DRFA administration under Emergency Recovery Victoria to streamline processes, improve efficiency, and support faster, more effective local responses.

We also strongly advocate for the inclusion of betterment—rebuilding infrastructure to a more resilient standard—to reduce repeat damage, lower long-term costs, and ease the burden on affected communities.

With natural disasters increasing in frequency and severity, a simplified, future-focused approach is essential to protect and strengthen Victoria's regional communities.



Request

Victorian or Australian Government

Council calls on Australian or Victorian Governments to:

- Simplify and standardise DRFA processes in Victoria—align with other states to improve consistency in eligibility, estimating, certification, and acquittal requirements for councils.
- Centralise disaster funding under Emergency Recovery Victoria to eliminate third-party assessments and streamline recovery.
- Enable betterment in funding programs, allowing infrastructure to be rebuilt to higher, more resilient standards.

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Victorian Government

Council calls on the Victorian Government to:

- Increase Council's annual *Municipal Emergency Resourcing Program* funding from \$60,000 to \$120,000 to provide better support to communities impacted by emergencies.
- Fast-track the Council Support Fund, ensuring recovery funding is delivered within eight weeks of a declared emergency.