

Whole-of-government plans or specific initiatives

National Partnership Agreement

The Department is responsible for administering funding to, and working in partnership with, local governments, state agencies, businesses and non-government organisations (NGOs), to build community resilience to natural disasters under the National Partnership Agreement on Natural Disaster Resilience. The Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) is jointly funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments. Funding priorities of the NDRP are:

- mitigating against or building resilience to Queensland’s highest natural hazard risks as identified in the 2012 state-wide Natural Hazard Risk Assessment
- enhancing community preparedness for natural events through community education and awareness training
- building partnership between sectors by strategically creating linkages between government, business, community and individuals
- encouraging a regional and catchment area approach to disaster mitigation and resilience
- supporting emergency management volunteers by building their capacity and ability to respond to disasters and support recovery efforts
- contributing towards the action themes of the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience.

Applications were assessed against the above priorities and were also ranked by those projects whose primary outcome was reducing flood risk, followed by projects addressing all hazards.

In 2014-15, a total of \$26.4 million was allocated to 39 councils and four NGOs for 68 natural disaster resilience projects.

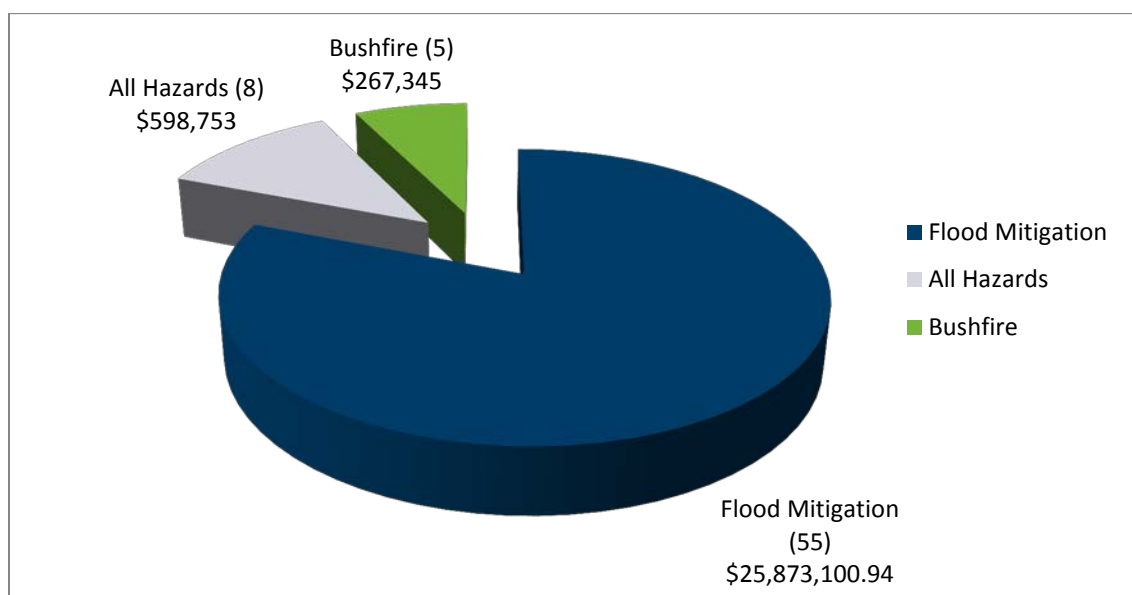


Figure 13: Number of Natural Disaster Resilience Projects and Total Funding by Hazard

Other whole-of-government initiatives

In addition, the Department is responsible for a number of disaster preparedness and resilience building strategies, plans and initiatives including:

- The Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience, which provides strategic direction to achieve the State Government's vision to make Queensland the most disaster resilient state in Australia. Its aim is to build resilience against all-hazards such as floods, bushfires, cyclones, severe storms, storm surges, landslips, tsunamis, earthquakes, oil spills, droughts and extreme heat events.
- The recovery plan for Severe Tropical Cyclone Marcia, which provides strategic guidance for the coordination and management of recovery and reconstruction efforts and disaster resilience activities undertaken after the event by the Queensland government, local governments, industry and other stakeholders, thereby ensuring that impacted communities recover as quickly as possible.
- The recovery plan for Severe Tropical Cyclone Ita, which provides strategic guidance for the coordination and management of recovery, reconstruction and community resilience activities undertaken by the Queensland Government, local governments, non-government partners, industry and not-for-profit organisations after the flood and damage impacts of the event.
- The RACQ Get Ready Queensland program which is a year-round, all-hazards disaster preparedness and resilience-building initiative that aims to position Queensland as Australia's most disaster-resilient state, integrate all preparedness activities year-round under one brand, engage all Queenslanders to participate and unite all of the State's preparedness and resilience activities under a single brand.
- Coordinating the State and relevant local government's participation in major Brisbane River Catchment Studies, following recommendations of the Flood Commission on Enquiry.

Intergovernmental agreements

- Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) has continued to partner with the Australian Government to provide ongoing funding and support for a stormwater recycling project - the Fitzgibbon Stormwater Harvesting (FiSH). The FiSH scheme was developed in conjunction with the Fitzgibbon Potable Roofwater Harvesting (PotaRoo) Scheme. The PotaRoo Scheme is a Queensland Government initiative jointly funded by the Commonwealth Government and the Japanese Government to capture roof water run-off from dwellings at Fitzgibbon Chase, ultimately for the supply of potable water to the town water network. Once testing is completed and the systems are fully operational they will be managed by a licensed operator.
- EDQ is leading an electric vehicle (EV) fast-charging infrastructure strategy to create an EV 'super-highway' along the M1 between Port Douglas and the Gold Coast, to prepare for and better enable EV travel over long distances. EDQ, supported by Ergon Energy, is seeking expressions of interest to build the first service station that has both traditional and alternative forms of energy in Oonoonba, Townsville.