

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Emergency Bushfire Response in Primary Industries Grants can help rebuild primary production enterprises, including replacing destroyed on-farm infrastructure (such as fencing). Payments of up to \$75,000 per farm business are available to primary producers, including apiarists, directly affected by the bushfires. Further eligibility criteria apply. To apply, visit ruralfinance.com.au or go to brv.vic.gov.au for a direct link to the application page. Applications must be submitted by 31 July.

Emergency Transport Support Program for Primary Producers can help pay for emergency transport costs that directly address immediate animal welfare and safety needs. Payments of up to \$15,000 per farm business are available to primary producers, including apiarists, directly affected by the bushfires. Further eligibility criteria apply. To apply, visit ruralfinance.com.au. Applications must be submitted by 31 July.

Concessional loans of up to \$500,000 are available to support small business, primary producers and non-profit organisations who have suffered significant damage to assets or significant loss of income as a direct result of the bushfires. Further eligibility criteria apply. To apply, visit ruralfinance.com.au or go to brv.vic.gov.au for a direct link to the application page. Applications must be submitted by 31 July.

Farm Household Allowance Program: The Australian Government, through Centrelink, provides income support to eligible farmers and their families experiencing financial hardship. Further eligibility criteria apply. Payments depend on individual circumstances. Visit business.gov.au or go to brv.vic.gov.au for a direct link.

For assistance with grant applications and other financial matters, you can access the free **Rural Financial Counselling Service** by calling **1800 686 175**.

For a full list of grants and other financial support available, visit brv.vic.gov.au or call us on **1800 560 760** to access dedicated case support.

LIVESTOCK

Agriculture Victoria is providing animal welfare assessments and referring urgent cases to appropriate agencies. Agriculture Victoria also provides technical support for managing livestock, property and domestic animals. For more information, contact **136 186** or visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/animalemergencies.

Farmers affected by the fires can request emergency fodder by contacting the Victorian Farmers Federation on **1300 882 833**.

FENCING

The Victorian Government will pay half the cost of materials to repair, replace or upgrade bushfire-damaged fencing bordering National Parks, State Parks and State Forests. Upgrade options include fire-resistant and pest-resistant fencing to a maximum of \$5,000 per kilometre.

To access this program, landholders can contact us on **1800 560 760**. We will connect landholders with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning fencing coordinator in their region and initiate the application process.

More fencing options and advice can be found at brv.vic.gov.au or by calling **1800 560 760**.

CLEAN-UP

The 2020 Clean-Up Program covers demolition and disposal of all buildings destroyed or damaged beyond repair by this season's bushfires (including residential homes and sheds, commercial and public buildings, and other out-buildings).

The program is government-funded and is free of charge for all property owners, regardless of whether you are insured. To register for the Clean-Up Program, or to find more information, visit brv.vic.gov.au or contact us at **1800 560 760**.

For more information about grants, clean-up, fencing, your community's recovery and other issues, visit brv.vic.gov.au or call **1800 560 760**



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