



KEN O'DOWD MP

Member for Flynn

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Supporting Flynn with Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

Ken O'Dowd, your local Member for Flynn toured the electorate today to assess the damage of the recent fires and provide assistance on the ground.

Mr O'Dowd has met with SES volunteers, fire fighters, police, emergency services and local residents and was completely humbled by the way the community have pulled together.

"I applaud all the men and women, working tirelessly throughout the day and night, doing everything they can to save people's lives, properties and livestock."

"Our thoughts are with the brave men and women fighting these fires, many of whom have travelled from other States and Territories to provide assistance. I urge everyone to stay aware of their surroundings and follow advice from local emergency management authorities."

The assistance available through the DRFA includes:

- Help for people who have been directly impacted by the bushfires to meet their immediate emergency needs, such as food, clothing and temporary accommodation,
- Help for people whose homes or belongings have been damaged by the bushfires, and
- Funding for counter disaster operations being undertaken by response agencies to protect the general public.

This assistance is administered by the Queensland Government.

"I am pleased to announce that disaster recovery assistance is being provided under the jointly funded Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) in response to the bushfires in the Gladstone local government area."

The Australian Government is working closely with Queensland authorities to assess the impacts of the bushfires and to identify any further recovery assistance that may be needed.

"Stay safe. Be vigilant. Don't take risks. Listen to the radio and monitor emergency agency websites and social media channels for information." Said Mr O'Dowd.

For more info please see <https://www.gra.qld.gov.au/>

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