



Invitation to provide advice on unmet recovery needs

The National Bushfire Recovery Agency is currently positioning to support a new phase of 2019-20 bushfire recovery – medium-long term economic and social recovery – while continuing to support immediate recovery needs. Local Economic Recovery funding allocation has commenced in some states, and will continue for some months, while a number of immediate relief and recovery support programs will cease by end 2020.

At this juncture, NBRA seeks your assistance to understand whether there are any 2019-20 bushfire recovery needs that have not yet been met. These needs may be enduring, newly emerging, or expected but not yet materialised. This advice will support us to identify and prioritise any additional focus areas.

This work is separate but complementary to the National Recovery Lessons Survey activity. Lessons activity aims to confirm what 2019-20 bushfire recovery efforts can tell us about what will be most effective for future bushfire or other disaster events. Unmet needs analysis will help us understand what additional support may be needed for this current recovery effort.

Discussion questions

- From your perspective, do you see any unmet 2019-20 bushfire recovery needs?
- Are these needs location-specific, sector-specific, group-specific, timeframe-specific or structural?
- Are these needs related to a lack of specific support programs, a lack of funding, a combination of both, or a result of other factors?
- What would be needed to address these needs?

Details

We ask that you provide your insights ahead of the next National Charities Bushfire Recovery Coordination Forum. You may wish to provide your advice verbally or in writing. To arrange a time to provide verbal insights, please contact Charles.Broughton@bushfirerecovery.gov.au and Teneille.Tress@bushfirerecovery.gov.au. Any written advice should also be directed to Charles and Teneille.

Next steps

Once we have received and analysed your initial insights, we will provide opportunity for the National Charities Bushfire Recovery Coordination Forum to explore and test the range of needs your insights outline.