



Resilience and Recovery Tasmania

Highlights for financial year 2025/26

i Resilience and Recovery Tasmania is a business unit in the Department of Premier and Cabinet that delivers strategic, whole of government initiatives that help the Tasmanian community before, during and after natural disasters and security incidents. We focus on coordinating disaster recovery support and delivering security uplift, emergency management communications, disaster risk reduction and resilience.



Our work supports all Tasmanian Government agencies, our local governments and our community partners to build communities that are prepared for any disaster and have coordinated support to recover when the worst happens.



01 The Tasmanian Disaster Resilience Strategy

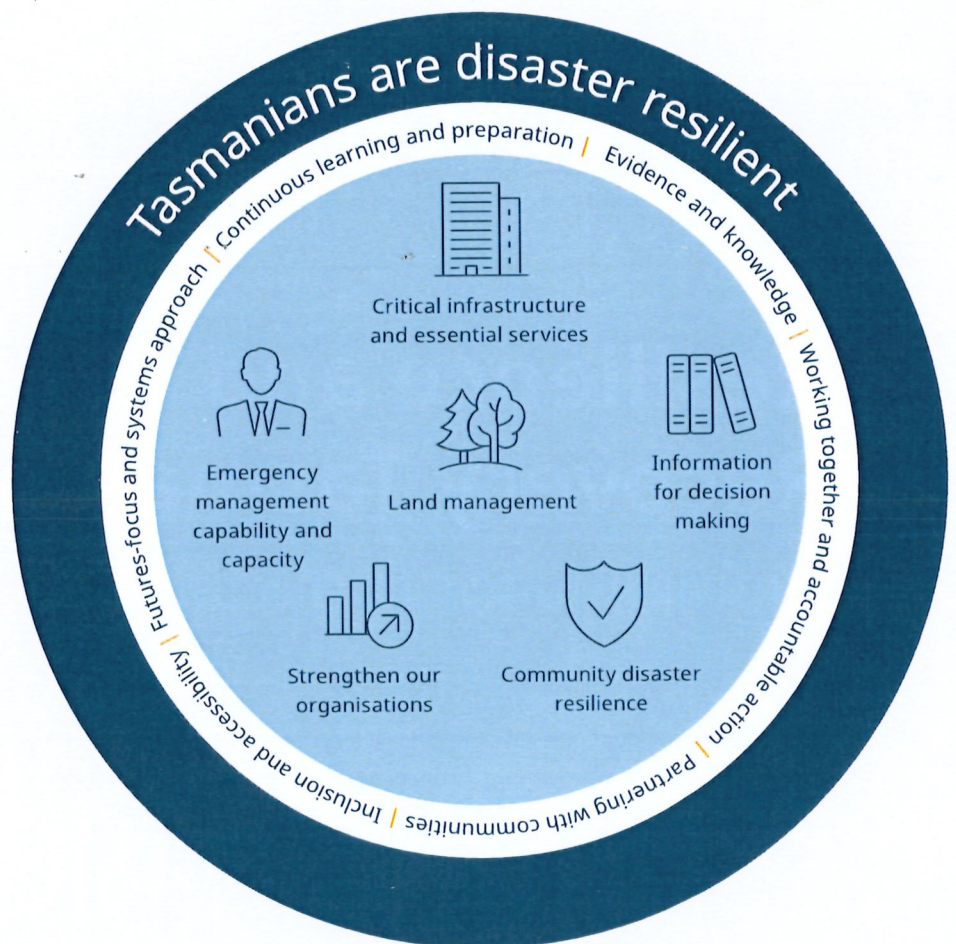
The Tasmanian Disaster Resilience Strategy is the guiding strategic policy document for emergency management stakeholders to achieve a coordinated, evidence-based approach to building resilience against the greatest risks to Tasmanian communities.

Our role

Resilience and Recovery Tasmania has led a multi-year consultative project to deliver the new Tasmanian Disaster Resilience Strategy. We worked with experts from the University of Tasmania and the Australian National University to incorporate futures analysis techniques and deliver strategic priorities to build our on-island resilience.

Key achievements

- Released the Tasmanian Disaster Resilience Strategy: Building our on-island resilience, available from the [DPAC website](#).



? The Tasmanian Disaster Resilience Strategy at a glance





02 The Disaster Ready Fund in Tasmania

The Disaster Ready Fund is the Australian Government's flagship national program for building community resilience to natural hazards. It distributes up to \$200 million in grant funding across the country each year.

Our role

Resilience and Recovery Tasmania is the Lead Agency for the Disaster Ready Fund in Tasmania. We work with applicants to identify opportunities, assist throughout the application process and coordinate expert input to prepare a Tasmanian application that includes a diverse range of competitive projects from across the state.

We also distribute funding to successful projects and support them throughout the full project lifecycle to ensure the best resilience outcomes for Tasmanian communities.

Key achievements

- Continued to support delivery of almost \$40 million worth of Round One and Two projects.
- Secured over \$9.5 million in new Australian Government funding under Round Three, to support projects worth over \$17 million.
- Collaborated with the Australian Government to prepare for Round 4 of the Disaster Ready Fund, including providing feedback on updated guidelines and multiple new support materials.



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DRF project delivery – Enhancing landslide risk mitigation in Tasmanian urban zones



03 Regional drought resilience planning

Tasmania must prepare for and manage the consequences of future drought and climate variability. Co-funded by the Australian and Tasmanian Governments, the Regional Drought Resilience Planning program aims to work alongside communities to strengthen drought and climate resilience.

Our role

Resilience and Recovery Tasmania is delivering the Regional Drought Resilience Planning (RDRP) program. Phase 1 (2022-2025) supported communities in all three regions of the State. In 2025-26 we rolled out community grants programs to start delivering under the plans and locked in Phase 2 of the RDRP in Tasmania.

The Regional Drought Resilience Planning project is supported by the Australian Government through the Future Drought Fund.

Key achievements

- Funded 25 regional community projects under the \$450,000 Quick Wins community grants program.
- Secured \$2.9 million for Phase 2 over the next four years.
- Launched the Drought Ready Tasmania – Aboriginal Organisations Grants Program and delivered a \$30,000 grant to Melaythenner Teeackana Warrana (Heart of Country) Aboriginal Corporation (MTWAC), to support ranger led activities in north-east Tasmania.



Tasmania's Regional Drought Resilience Plans



04 The Risk Information Portal - Tasmania

Good disaster risk management requires access to high quality data and the tools to use this data for decision making by all levels of government. The Risk Information Portal – Tasmania project is exploring new ways to collect, display and analyse disaster risk information to support practical decisions.

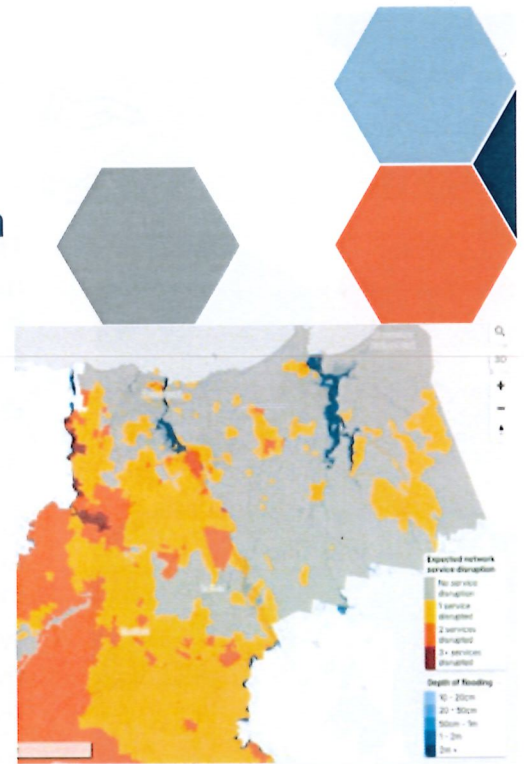
Our role

Resilience and Recovery Tasmania is delivering the Risk Information Portal – Tasmania. We are working with Tasmanian Government agencies and local governments to identify risk data and develop the tools they need to make the best use of this information.

The project is on track to reach functional delivery in August 2027. The Risk Information Portal – Tasmania project is supported by the Australian Government through the Disaster Ready Fund.

Key achievements

- Developed pilot projects to test how to measure the risk of natural disasters to lifelines (power, water, sewage, communications) and critical services (health, education, emergency services, housing, government).
- Scoped how to scale the pilots statewide and make the information accessible and useful for decision-makers.



Map produced by the Risk Information Portal - Tasmania Project



05 Tasmania's Protective Security Policy Framework

Tasmania's Protective Security Policy Framework (TAS-PSPF) establishes best practice protective security standards and aims to deliver a whole of government approach to the protection of Tasmanian Government information, people and assets.

Our role

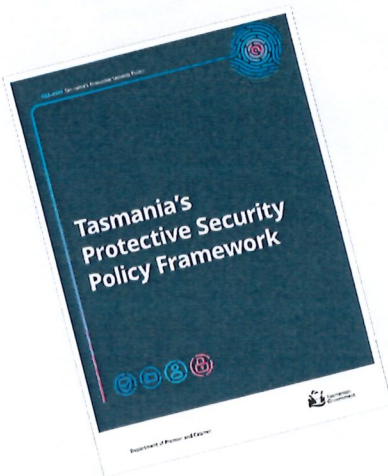
Resilience and Recovery Tasmania is responsible for maintaining the TAS-PSPF and supporting whole of government implementation.

Each agency takes action to comply with the TAS PSPF. We work closely with agencies to share best practice and lessons learnt from across government and lead a coordinated approach to implementation.

Key achievements

- Strengthened the way we handle information within DPAC through technical controls and new procedures, and generated valuable lessons, insights and resources to support other agencies to make the same changes.
- Uplifted the management and use of security clearances across government, working closely with agencies and developing guidance to support applicants, clearance holders and managers.
- Continued to focus on consistent protective security guidance across government for official overseas travel.
- Completed the third annual reporting cycle, outlining key agency activities to implement TAS-PSPF requirements.

Tasmania's Protective Security Policy Framework





06 Helping Tasmanians recover from disasters

Coordinating recovery activities is crucial in supporting communities to rebuild and recover from disasters.

Learning from past events and helping local governments be better prepared to support their communities during these difficult times is also essential for strengthening community resilience.

Our role

Resilience and Recovery Tasmania works with impacted communities to understand their needs and then collaborates with government and non-government organisations to design and implement effective relief and recovery programs.

The Australian Government supports Tasmanian communities through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

In addition to these recovery activities, Resilience and Recovery Tasmania works closely with local governments to enhance their capability and capacity to plan for, respond to, and recover from, emergencies.

Key achievements

- Delivered the Dolphin Sands Clean Up Program for the removal of fire-impacted debris following the December 2025 bushfires, and secured agreement for joint State-Commonwealth funding of up to \$10 million for the initiative.
- Delivered grants to Tasmanian non-profit organisations to help minimise the impact of disasters to the critical personal support services they provide to vulnerable Tasmanians.
- Built the capability of local government to respond and recover from disasters through training, resources, arrangements, policies and grants.
- Managed the design and consultation of the permanent memorial for the Hillcrest Primary School Tragedy.

