

**Accessing fencing support after 2019-20 Victorian bushfires**

*Repairing and rebuilding fences damaged during bushfires can be costly and time consuming. However, funding and practical support is available to landowners across Victoria.*

**EMERGENCY BUSHFIRE RESPONSE IN PRIMARY INDUSTRIES GRANTS**

Grants of up to $75,000 per business can assist primary producers directly affected by the 2019-20 bushfires for costs associated with immediate recovery activities needed to rebuild primary production enterprises.

Eligible activities include rebuilding or replacing damaged or destroyed on-farm infrastructure.

Eligible claims under this program include repair and replacement of fencing, including labour and material costs.

The grants are available in eligible fire-affected local government areas across Victoria.

For more information read the grant guidelines or contact Rural Finance on 1800 260 425 or visit ruralfinance.com.au

**BLAZEaid**

BlazeAid can provide in-kind assistance for clearing, repairing or re-establishing fences for all types of livestock.

The organisation works with people in genuine need of volunteer assistance, including those affected who are not insured or are under-insured for the cost of rebuilding their fences. Volunteers operate in teams, with at least one experienced fencer per team, under the guidance and direction of landowners.

BlazeAid established camps at Corryong in the North East and Bruthen in East Gippsland in January. Up-to-date information on camp locations can be found on the BlazeAid Facebook page.

Register at blazeaid.com.au or at facebook.com/blazeaid

**FARM FENCING ADJOINING STATE AND NATIONAL PARKS AND STATE FORESTS**

The Victorian Government will contribute 50 per cent of repair costs of fire-damaged fences between private land and National Parks, State Parks or State Forests.

Where landholders wish to upgrade these fences to exclude pests such as wild dogs or to fire-resistant fencing, the government will pay half the cost up to $5 per metre.

For more information contact the DELWP Customer Service Centre on 136 186 (8am – 8pm, Monday to Friday).

**FARM FENCING DESTROYED BY FIREFIGHTING ACTIVITIES**

The Victorian Government will pay 100 per cent of the restoration costs for fences on private land that have been damaged through fire control and suppression measures by fire agencies and their staff.

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**BUSHFIRE CLEANUP PROGRAM**

The program covers costs associated with the demolition and disposal of all buildings destroyed or damaged beyond repair by the 2019-2020 bushfires.

Fencing may be removed under the program only where necessary for the safe clean-up of destroyed buildings.

For more information contact Bushfire Recovery Victoria on 1800 560 760, BushFireRecoveryVictoria@dpc.vic.gov.au, or go to www.vic.gov.au/bushfirerecovery-victoria

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