Disaster Ready Fund Round 4

Applicant Briefing

Department of Premier and Cabinet

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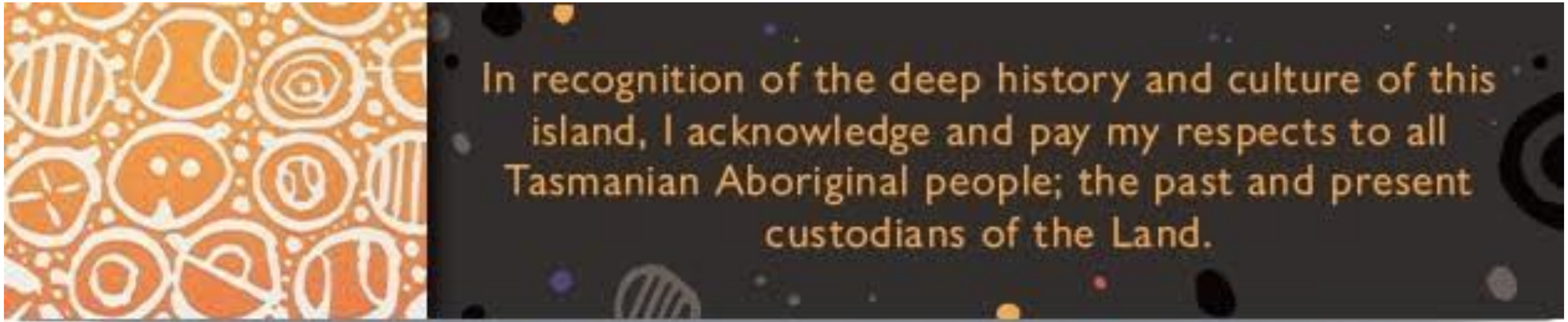

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Agenda

- Welcome
- Overview of the Disaster Ready Fund
- Round Four key information
- Lessons Learnt from Previous Rounds
- NEMA Feedback from Round Three
- Questions and how can we help?

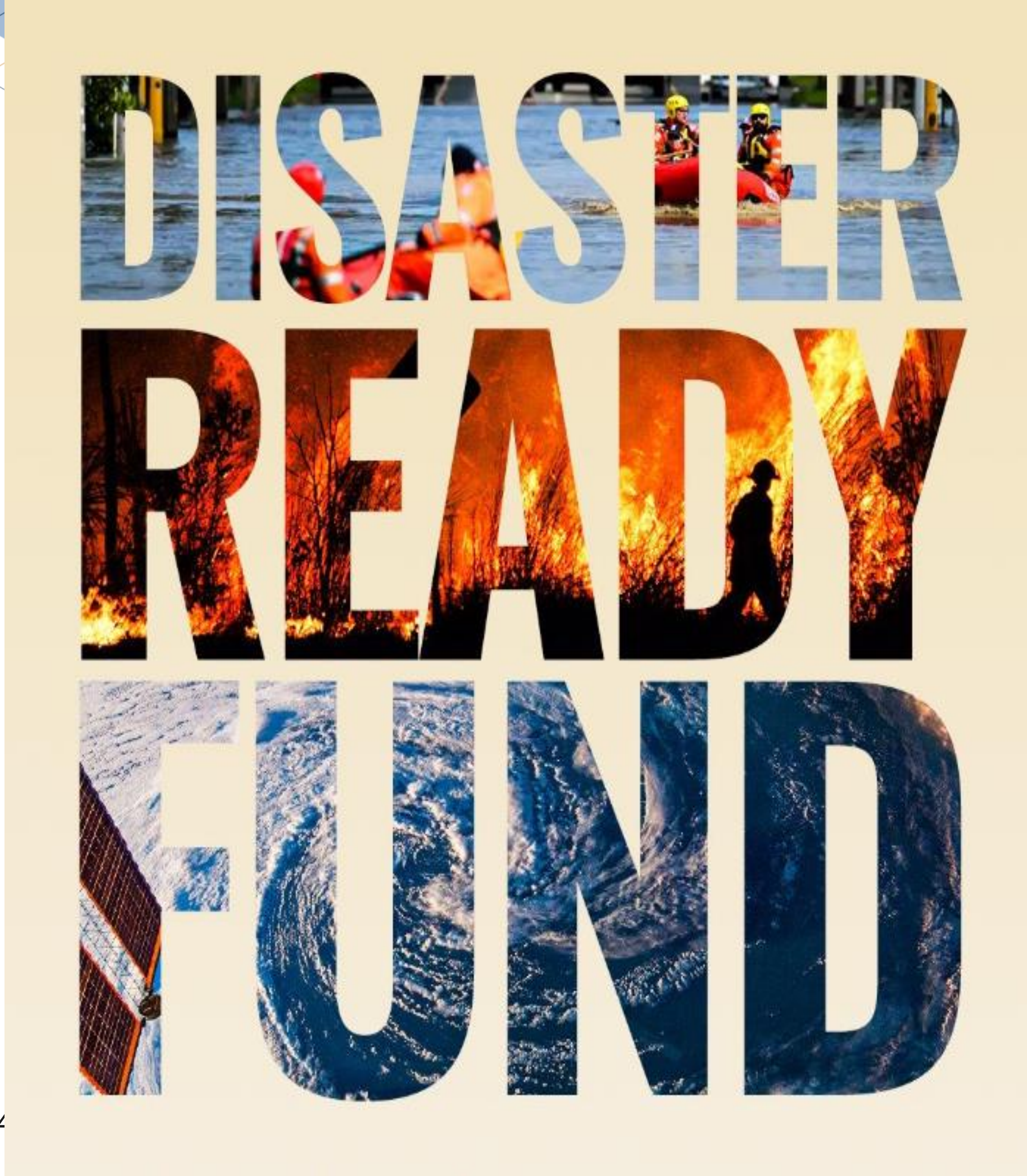
Program Overview

Disaster Ready Fund

- Australian Government program
- Established on 1 July 2023
- Up to $200M per year available nationally
- Purpose: Build Australia’s resilience to prepare for, or reduce the risk of, future natural hazard impacts

Previous rounds outcomes - Tasmania

Round	Number of projects	Australian Government	Total Investment
1	19	$14M	$30M
2	17	$7.5M	$15M
3	8	$9.5M	$17M



Round Four

- Across Australia, a total of $142.477M is available
  - 75% ($104.6M) for large scale infrastructure – min $0.5M
  - 25% ($34.9M) for other projects
- Tasmania expects to get **$5.3M – $7.5M** – up to 20 suitable projects will be submitted to NEMA for decision
- Applicants may include local councils, state or territory government bodies, and eligible First Nations, community and not-for-profit organisations.
- Applications must be submitted via SmartyGrants by **5pm July 1 2026** (Wednesday)
- Maximum project period of **3 years**

Funding Categories

Activity types	Notional Funding Allocation
• Investment in grey infrastructure • Investment in green-blue infrastructure (including nature-based solutions) • Investment in social infrastructure • Investment in natural hazard monitoring infrastructure	$104.608M
• Development of business cases and/or feasibility studies for future infrastructure (including investigation, modelling, concept planning and detailed design activities). • Capacity and capability building projects that improve the resilience of governments, industries, community sector organisations and/or at-risk communities to the impacts of future disasters. • Projects that improve understanding of disaster risks and impacts, including disaster modelling, risk assessments and mitigation plans.	$34.869M

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Co-Contributions

Co-contribution category	Commonwealth funding	Min co-contribution
Eligible First Nation organisations Remote / Very remote Tasmanian Councils	Up to 90%	At least 10%
Eligible not-for-profits organisations Low rate-based Tasmanian Councils	Up to 80%	At least 20%
Tasmanian state government bodies	Up to 60%	At least 40%
All other applicants	Up to 50%	At least 50%

Round Four Priorities

Large-Scale Infrastructure

Construction-Ready Infrastructure

Insurance Co-Benefits

Key Advice

- Assessment is based on info provided within application
- Use plain language, panel not technical experts
- As much **evidence** as possible to substantiate claims
- Ensure alignment with national, state and local priorities – *Tasmania Disaster Resilience Strategy*
- **Stakeholder engagement** is required for place-based project
- **Letter of support –** mandatory for delivery partners
- Consider **budget** for a project starting mid 2027 – factor in escalation & contingency

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Key Advice – Community Benefits

- How effective will your project be, and what makes it the best investment of limited funds?

- Relevant information could include:
  - Evidence of effectiveness
  - A gap and/or risk analysis (work undertaken/ in progress and identified gaps/risks)
  - A cost-benefit analysis (this is mandatory for infrastructure projects, and recommended for all projects)
  - Justification of priority sites/populations identified
  - How benefits will be distributed across the community
  - An explanation of how a project goes beyond business as usual or other existing obligations

Feedback from Round 3

- 25% Tasmanian submissions were deemed ineligible as classified as "Business As Usual"
  - Clearly articulate why your project **is not** BAU
- **Evidence** is key to substantiate your claim
- Highlight **all impacts,** including broader impact (scale)
- Emphasise **long term, enduring** benefits
- Alignment with **national, state & local** priorities
- Where possible, **quantify** and be **specific**
- Clear and well-considered **project management plan,** including **risk management** strategies – be **realistic**

Business As Usual

Proposals were considered ‘business as usual’ if they were:

- The continuation of existing critical services.
- Core business – council, local government, government’s (state/territory) responsibility. An activity/output the responsible government body would ordinarily be expected to undertake/deliver.
- Resource allocations for everyday operations i.e. business cases for requirements of a particular state, systems upgrades, operational costs.
- Funding to repair existing damage, repair, restoration, renewal, and replacement.
- Recurrent, cyclical activities which should occur as standard practice.
- Maintenance, wear and tear costs.

Timeline

29 May 2026	Application opens
1 July 2026	Application closes
2 July 2026	TAS assessment commences
25 Aug 2026	TAS submission to NEMA by
Oct 2026	NEMA announcement of successful projects
Late 2026	Schedules signed at State/ Federal Level
Early - Mid 2027	Implementation Plans endorsed and Funding Agreements executed

Questions?

Thank you for your attention. If you got questions at a later date, email: Resilience@dpac.tas.gov.au

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