

Hunter JO Disaster Ready Fund Program

2025-2028



Project description:

This project will build disaster resilience capacity and capability within 11 Hunter and Central Coast councils and their communities. This will be achieved by supporting development of a regional Disaster Adaptation Plan, embedding resilience into councils' IP&R framework, facilitating a regional resilience network and supporting community engagement.

Deliverables:

- **Regional Disaster Adaptation Plan** – Supporting NSW RA and facilitating collaboration and codesign with councils towards the delivery of a Foundational DAP for the region.
- **Collaboration** – Facilitating collaboration between councils through the Hunter Resilience Network, IP&R and DAP Working Groups.
- **Capacity building for councils** – Flexibility to respond to councils' capacity building needs, for example, disaster waste management and resource sharing MOU.
- **Project / Grant readiness support** – Building council capacity to apply and be successful for grant funding.
- **Simtable** – Facilitating Simtable loans and community workshops to improve community understanding of and preparation for natural hazards.
- **Resilience Maturity Matrix / Template** – Developing a model to track councils' resilience maturity over time, aligned with councils across NSW.
- **IP&R Resilience review** – Completing a comparative review of councils' 2022-26 and 2025-29 IP&R documents, assessing inclusion of climate change and resilience concepts.
- **Disaster Dashboard** – Provision of 50% funding towards a 3-year council subscription fee for Disaster Dashboards (for participating councils)

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NSW Disaster Adaptation Plan Guidelines



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