

Support to assess and manage the impacts of bushfire smoke		
Support for Logistics and Education for Smoke in the NSW Wine Industry	The NSW Government through the NSW DPI provided assistance for a series of Smoke and Fire workshops across NSW (held in conjunction with the AWRI). Also provided was financial support for the coordinated logistics of getting testing done by NSW wine regions	For further information contact NSW Wine Industry Association at smoke@nswwine.com.au
Wine Grape Testing Rebate	<p>The NSW Government through the NSW DPI is providing a rebate to assist NSW wine grape growers assess the impact of smoke exposure from the 2019-20 bushfires on wine grapes grown during the 2019-20 growing season.</p> <p>The program offers a rebate of up to \$1,200 to NSW wine grape growers on wine grape, grape juice and wine samples submitted for laboratory analysis.</p> <p>(Initial rebates required by Friday 20th March)</p> <p>https://www.nswwine.com.au/smoke-2020/</p>	For further information contact NSW Wine Industry Association at smoke@nswwine.com.au
Technical advice and support	<p>A technical support package has been requested to be delivered to ensure that growers, wine makers and regional associations are supported to understand and respond to the impacts of smoke exposure on wine made in the current vintage. Projects include work already commenced with Charles Sturt University (Wagga Wagga) and the AWRI</p> <p>At the time of writing we are still waiting on a response from the NSW Government on this support package</p>	For further information contact NSW Wine Industry Association at smoke@nswwine.com.au

recovery assistance for those impacted by bushfires		
Emergency Bushfire Response in Primary Industries Grants (Commonwealth/State support)	<p>Grants of up to \$75,000 to assist primary producers directly affected by the 2019-2020 bushfire with recovery costs.</p> <p>Eligible activities include rebuilding or replacing damaged or destroyed on-farm infrastructure, including fencing and trellises.</p> <p>Wine grape growers who are located in eligible fire affected local government areas and have had crops affected by smoke taint may be able to claim for costs associated with the salvage, harvest and disposal of the smoke taint affected crops. Where no fire has occurred on the property, evidence of smoke impact, such as smoke taint testing results are required.</p> <p>Available in eligible fire affected local government areas across NSW.</p>	<p>For further information see: https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/special-disaster-grant-bushfires</p> <p>Contact the Rural Assistance Authority team on 1800 678 593.</p>
NSW Bushfires Concessional Loans (Commonwealth/State support)	<p>Concessional loans of up to \$500,000 are available to support small business, primary producers and non-profit organisations impacted by the NSW</p> <p>The loans are intended to be used for the purposes of restoring and/or replacing damaged assets and/or to meet working capital expenses.</p> <p>Available to eligible wine grape growers in Armidale, Ballina, Bega Valley, Bellingen, Blue Mountains, Byron, Central Coast, Cessnock, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Eurobodalla, Glen Innes Severn, Goulburn Mulwaree, Greater Hume, Gwydir, Hawkesbury, Inverell, Kempsey, Ku-ring-gai, Kyogle, Lake Macquarie, Lismore, Lithgow, Mid-Coast, Mid-Western, Muswellbrook, Nambucca, Narrabri, Oberon, Penrith, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Queanbeyan-Palerang, Richmond Valley, Singleton, Shoalhaven, Snowy Monaro, Snowy Valleys, Sutherland, Tamworth, Tenterfield, Tweed, Upper Hunter, Upper Lachlan, Uralla, Wagga Wagga, Walcha, Wingecarribee and Wollondilly</p>	<p>For further information see: https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/special-disaster-loan-bushfires</p> <p>For Primary Producers, contact the Rural Assistance Authority team on 1800 678 593.</p> <p>For Small Business, Find your local advisor or phone 1300 134 359.</p>

<p>Small Business Bushfire Recovery Grants (Commonwealth/State Support)</p>	<p>Grants of up to \$50,000 are available for small businesses and non-profit organisations (who are not primary producers) that have suffered direct damage as a result of bushfire. Grants are to help pay for costs of clean-up and reinstatement of eligible small businesses.</p>	<p>For further information see: https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-bushfire-recovery-grant-directly-impacted-small-businesses</p> <p>If you'd like assistance call 13 77 88.</p>
<p>Small Business Bushfire Support Grant (Commonwealth/State support)</p>	<p>Grants of up to \$10,000 to support small businesses (including primary producers) significantly affected by the 2019-20 bushfires to recover and rebuild resilient businesses.</p> <p>Eligible activities include meeting standard business costs, seeking financial advice, adjusting the business to be viable in the changed local context following bushfire and improvements to make the business more resilient to future disasters.</p> <p>You must be a small business owner or non-profit organisation and located within a specified Local Government Area (LGA) and have suffered a decline in revenue of 40 per cent or more in a relevant three-month period.</p> <p>Businesses can apply for this grant in addition to other bushfire grants.</p>	<p>For further information see: https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-small-business-bushfire-support-grant</p> <p>If you'd like assistance call 13 77 88.</p>

Regions have also suggested that the Rural Financial Counselling Service has been very helpful in providing advice and support.

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/rural-financial-counselling-service/nsw>

The Rural Assistance Authority has been helpful in this process and has a clear message:

‘don’t self-assess – call us on 1800 678 593 and talk to one of our team’.