



Farm fencing support after the Upper Murray fire 2019-20

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

FARM FENCING ADJOINING STATE AND NATIONAL PARKS AND STATE FORESTS

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

The maximum payment will be 50% of the reasonable costs of materials up to \$5000 per kilometre (\$5 per metre). To be eligible for the maximum payment, fences will be required to be upgraded to make them fire-resistant and better able to exclude pests such as wild dogs. Labour and any other costs are to be met by the Landholder.

For more information contact Forest Fire Management Vic (FFMVic)
hume.recovery@delwp.vic.gov.au or Phone
02 6071 5357

FARM FENCING DESTROYED BY FIREFIGHTING ACTIVITIES

The Government will continue to pay 100% of the restoration costs of fences damaged on private land as a result of machinery used by fire agencies to control bushfires, or fire agency staff cutting fences to allow access for suppression efforts. This policy also extends to assistance in the restoration of fire breaks constructed by fire agencies on private property.

An assessment of the property and the nature of the damage must be completed prior to any work being undertaken.

Dedicated CFA Teams will assist in this process and will begin visiting the area from 11 February 2020.

Landholders can call 02 6043 4630 Mon. to Fri. 8:30am to 5:00 pm. If your query is urgent outside these hours please text 0419 501 580 to arrange a return call.

ROADSIDE FENCES

Any matters of concern related to the rebuilding of fences on public roads and road reserves, including clearing of native vegetation on roadsides, can be referred to Towong Shire.

Contact the Towong Shire at 1800 518 222

RIPARIAN FENCES

North East Catchment Management Authority (NECMA) will work with landowners where they had previously assisted with fencing of riparian areas.

Register with NECMA on 1300 216 513 or
necma@necma.vic.gov.au

BLAZE AID

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

Volunteers operate in teams, with at least one experienced fencer per team, under the guidance and direction of landowners.

BlazeAid has established camps at Corryong and Jingellic (NSW) in the North East.

Register at Blaze Aid:

**16 Donaldson St Corryong OR Jingellic
Showgrounds 3211 River Road**

AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

Ag Vic can provide advice to landholders where opportunities exist to realign internal fencing to enable better stock and farm management from a whole of farm perspective.

For more information contact 136 186

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. This includes repair and replacement of fencing.

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