Financial assistance available to Towong residents impacted by fire

Emergency financial assistance from both the State and Federal Government is available to eligible fire-affected residents in Towong Shire. This includes:

**EMERGENCY RELIEF ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS**

- Relief payments are intended to help meet immediate needs, including emergency food, accommodation, clothing, medication and personal items
- Payments of up to $560 per adult and $280 per child (up to a maximum of $1960 per eligible household)
- The payments are designed to help eligible people experiencing personal and extreme financial hardship due to the fires

**EMERGENCY RE-ESTABLISHMENT PAYMENTS**

- Emergency re-establishment assistance is available if your principal place of residence (your home) is uninhabitable for more than seven days because of an emergency
- Provides up to $42,250 per eligible household experiencing financial hardship, who have been affected by fire at their primary place of residence
- The grants will be available for clean-up, emergency accommodation, repairs, rebuilding (a principal place of residence), and replacing some damaged contents
- Re-establishment assistance is available to individuals or families who do not have building (home) insurance or contents insurance

**AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DISASTER RECOVERY PAYMENT**

- $1000 per adult and $400 per child
- For people who have been seriously injured, have lost their homes or whose homes have been directly damaged, or are the immediate family members of a person who has died, as a direct result of the bushfires

**AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DISASTER RECOVERY ALLOWANCE**

- Up to 13 weeks income support for those who have lost income as a direct result of the bushfires
- Equivalent to Newstart or Youth Allowance

**WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?**


Residents may also be eligible for financial assistance from organisations such as the Red Cross and The Salvation Army. Optus and Telstra also have support for bushfire affected customers.