

Media Release

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CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR FLOOD AFFECTED TOWNS

The Albanese and Allan Labor Governments are continuing to support Victorian communities affected by the 2022 flood and storm events with further disaster recovery funding to improve infrastructure.

Four councils will share in \$1.8 million from the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

This betterment funding allows councils to upgrade disaster-damaged roads, bridges, footpaths and drains to a higher standard – protecting them from future damage caused by serious weather events.

The Pyrenees Shire Council, Greater Shepparton City Council and Benalla Rural City Council will each receive further funding of \$365,000 on top of funding they each received in 2023.

Towong Shire Council will receive \$708,000 in its first allocation of betterment funding through the DRFA.

The DRFA Efficiencies Betterment Program assessed the damage bill of each eligible council and made allocations to ensure the funding received was fair across the state.

In Victoria, DRFA assistance measures for councils are funded from the Victorian Natural Disaster Relief Trust administered by Emergency Recovery Victoria within the Department of Justice and Community Safety.

More information about the DRFA can be found at vic.gov.au/disaster-recovery-funding-arrangements.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery Vicki Ward

"Recovery is a long road, and we will always make sure these communities get the ongoing support they need to get back on track."

"This further funding will make sure public infrastructure is not just repaired but is future proofed to stand up against ongoing weather events."