



## Section one: Framing the challenge

*Operation Queensland*, led by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, is the State Plan that articulates Queensland's reconstruction strategy and the framework for recovery from natural disaster events since 2010/2011.

## 1.0 Framing the Challenge

Between November 2010 and April 2011, Queensland was struck by a series of natural disasters. Extensive flooding caused by periods of extremely heavy rainfall, destruction caused by a number of storm cells including Cyclones Tasha, Anthony and Yasi, and subsequent monsoonal flooding including in the Maranoa, have resulted in all of Queensland being declared as disaster affected.

In response to the disaster events the Queensland Government established the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (the Authority), pursuant to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority Act 2011. **The Authority's mission is to reconnect, rebuild and improve Queensland communities and its economy.**

The Authority's role has now been extended to cover historical and continuing disaster events in Queensland. The natural disaster events that led to the creation of the Authority, and the events that the Authority has since been charged with managing are summarised on the following page.

## 1.1 Operation Queenslander

The activities of the Authority will occur under the auspices of a comprehensive and integrated State Community, Economic and Environmental Recovery and Reconstruction Plan, also known as **Operation Queenslander** (the State Plan or Plan). This Plan outlines a roadmap which will be centred along six lines of reconstruction and provides strategic level guidance to reinforce the recovery work that has already begun and sets the framework for rebuilding and improving Queensland.

The Authority will be responsible for providing central coordination, control, funding and reporting across these activities. Responsibility for delivery will be decentralised across responsible agencies aligned with the six lines of reconstruction.

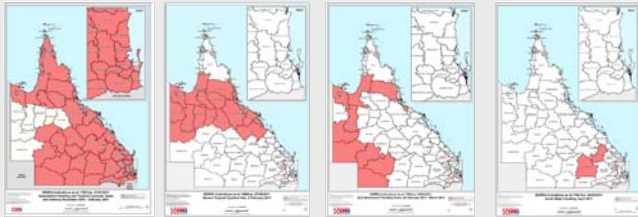
The Lines of Reconstruction will continue to evaluate the key tasks for the natural disasters managed by the Authority, whilst concurrently responding to current and emerging events to be managed by the Authority.

The six lines of reconstruction and the Department or Agency with primary responsibility for each are outlined below.

Line of Reconstruction	Primary Responsibility *
<b>Human and Social</b> - to restore and strengthen local human services and community capacity through provision of direct assistance individuals and communities, and supporting communities to drive and participate in their own recovery	Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DoCs)
<b>Economic</b> - to set the conditions to facilitate the rapid restoration of a competitive, sustainable Queensland economy	Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP)
<b>Environment</b> - to recover and conserve disaster-affected terrestrial and marine natural resources and ensure that reconstruction activities do not cause environmental harm	Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP)
<b>Building Recovery</b> - to lead and coordinate the planning and implementation of all statewide building reconstruction functions	Department of Housing and Public Works (DH&PW)
<b>Roads and Transport</b> - to manage the recovery and reconstruction of Queensland's integrated transport environment in order to reconnect Queensland communities and economies	Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR)
<b>Community Liaison and Communication</b> - to gain and maintain the confidence of Queenslanders in the reconstruction effort, by providing a regular and consistent source of coordinated public information	Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC)

\* Machinery of Government changes will be included once established.

## 2010/2011 events managed by the Authority



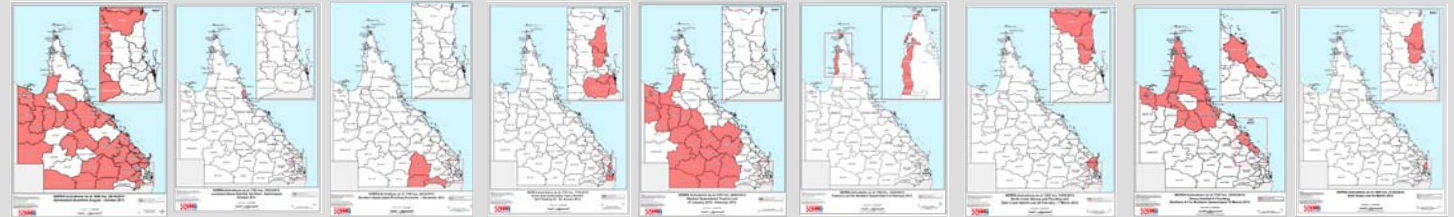
Qld flooding  
TC Tasha and  
TC Anthony  
November 2010 -  
February 2011

Severe Tropical  
Cyclone Yasi  
2 February 2011

Qld Monsoonal  
Flooding  
28 February 2011 -  
March 2011

South West  
Flooding  
April 2011

## 2011/2012 events managed by the Authority



Queensland  
Bushfires V5  
August - October  
2011

Localised Heavy  
Rainfall Northern  
Queensland V1  
October 2011

Southern  
Queensland  
Flooding V2  
November -  
December 2011

South East  
Queensland Heavy  
Rainfall and  
flooding V2  
23-26 January 2012

Western  
Queensland  
Tropical Low V12  
27 January -  
February 2012

Far-Northern  
Queensland  
Tropical Low V3  
3-4 February 2012

North Coast Storms  
and flooding &  
East Coast  
Hybrid Low V6  
24 February -  
7 March 2012

Northern & Far  
Northern Queensland  
Heavy Rainfall &  
flooding V6  
15 March 2012

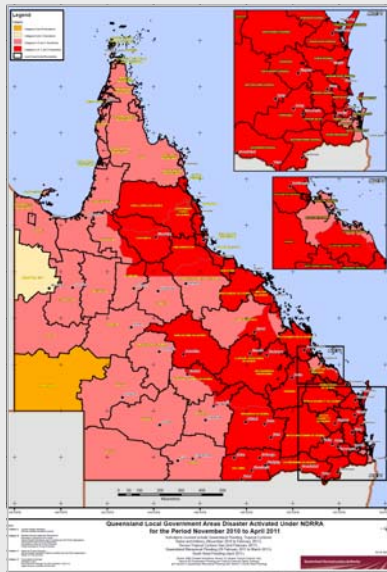
East Coast Low V1  
22 March 2012

Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May June

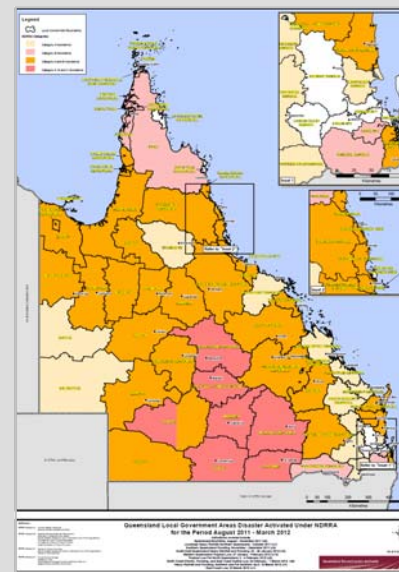
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2010-2011 events managed by the Authority (at April 2011)



2011-2012 events managed by the Authority (at 6 April 2012)

## 1.2 Events managed by the Authority

### 2011-2012 natural disaster events managed by the Authority:

- Queensland Bushfires, August to October 2011
- Localised Heavy Rainfall Northern Queensland, October 2011
- Southern Queensland Flooding, November to December 2011
- South East Queensland Heavy Rainfall and flooding, 23-26 January 2012
- Western Queensland Tropical Low, 27 January to February 2012
- Far Northern Queensland Tropical Low, 3-4 February 2012
- North Coast Queensland Storms and flooding and East Coast Hybrid Low, 24 February - 7 March 2012\*
- Northern and Far Northern Queensland Heavy Rainfall & flooding, 15 March 2012\*
- East Coast Low, 22 March 2012\*

### 2010-2011 natural disaster events managed by the Authority:

- Queensland Flooding and Tropical Cyclones Tasha and Anthony, November 2010 to February 2011
- Severe Tropical Cyclone Yasi on 2 February 2011
- Queensland Monsoonal Flooding Event on 28 February 2011,
- South West Flooding, April 2011.

### Pre 2010-2011 events managed by the Authority:

- South East and North Coast Queensland East Coast Low, August 2007
- Central and Southern Queensland storms, October 2007
- South West Queensland storms and flooding, 23-30 November 2007
- Central Western Queensland storms and flooding, December 2007
- South East Queensland East Coast Low, December 2007 - January 2008
- Queensland Monsoonal flooding, January 2008
- Queensland Monsoonal flooding, February - March 2008
- South East and Western Queensland storms and flooding, 3-8 February 2008
- South East Queensland storms, 29 May - 2 June 2008
- South West Queensland flooding, June 2008
- Queensland storms and associated flooding, 16-22 November 2008
- Baralaba storms, 7 December 2008
- Queensland Monsoonal flooding and Tropical Cyclone Charlotte and Ellie, January - February 2009
- Tara storms, 15 February 2009
- Tropical Cyclone Hamish, 5-11 March 2009
- Sunshine Coast, Gympie and Fraser Coast flooding, April 2009
- South East Queensland Low, May 2009
- South West Flooding, 20 – 25 November 2009
- Queensland Bushfires, September – October 2009
- Northern, Central and South West Queensland Flooding, 22 December 2009 to 8 January
- Queensland Monsoonal Flooding and Tropical Cyclones Olga, Neville, Ului and Paul, January to April 2010
- 2010 South East Queensland Flooding, 9-12 October 2010
- South West Queensland Low and Associated Flooding, September 2010

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\* Ministerial direction still pending for these activations