

## **2008/09 WANDRRA ELIGIBLE DISASTER PROCLAMATION NOTIFICATION Tropical Cyclone Dominic and associated flooding – 27 January 2009**

The above event has been declared an *eligible disaster* under the Western Australia Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA), and pursuant to Section 4.2 of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements Determination 2007, issued by the Australian Government Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads.

Although Tropical Cyclone Dominic was downgraded to below tropical cyclone intensity shortly after passing over the WA coastline on 27 January 2009, it was directly responsible for heavy rain and the resultant flooding across the Pilbara, Gascoyne, Goldfields and south coast.

Damage reports received to date indicate that the damage/losses sustained appear largely related to the road network infrastructure, with some costs associated with counter disaster operations. The Local Government districts affected by the event are as follows:

- Shire of Ashburton
- Shire of Carnarvon
- Shire of Upper Gascoyne
- Shire of Murchison
- Shire of Yalgoo
- Shire of Moora
- Shire of Northam
- Shire of York
- Shire of Quairading
- Shire of Beverley

Local Governments and MRWA are continuing to investigate and assess the damage caused by this event and are working closely to restore or replace the affected roads.

Consideration will also be given to proposals involving the *betterment* of roads to a more disaster-resilient standard than its pre-disaster standard.

Should claims in respect of any other *eligible measures* be identified, these will be dealt with on their merits.

### **Primary Contacts**

Primary contacts for assistance/advice are:

- Local Government – Main Roads Western Australia regional offices for road infrastructure - <http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/AboutMainRoads/ContactUs/Pages/ContactUs.aspx>;
- Department of Agriculture and Food, Farm Business Development, by phone (via Freecall) 1800 198 231 or via website - <http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/content/FM/WANDRRA.HTM>;
- Department for Child Protection via website - <http://www.community.wa.gov.au/DCP/ContactUs>;  
and
- Other enquiries may be directed to the Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia contact (WANDRRA Administrator) by phone on 9323 9552, or by email to - [wandrra@fesa.wa.gov.au](mailto:wandrra@fesa.wa.gov.au)