Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements 2018

Guideline 1 - An essential public asset

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1. This guideline applies to the definition of an *essential public asset* as outlined in clause 1 Definitions and Interpretation, of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements 2018 (the *arrangements*).

2. An *essential public asset* under the *arrangements* is a *transport* or *public infrastructure* asset which is owned and maintained, or operated and maintained, by an *eligible undertaking* .

3. The following list provides examples of *transport* or *public infrastructure* assets which the *department* would consider to be *essential public assets* under the *arrangements*:

Transport	Roads
	Road infrastructure (including footpaths, bike lanes and pedestrian bridges)
	Bridges
	Tunnels
	Culverts
Public Infrastructure (Health, Education, Justice, Welfare)	Public hospitals
	Public schools
	Public housing
	Prisons/correctional facilities
	Police, fire and emergency services' stations
	Levees
	State/territory or local government offices
	Stormwater infrastructure

4. For those assets which are not listed above, the *state must* write to the *department* seeking approval to treat the asset as an *essential public asset* for the purposes of the *arrangements.*

5. The following list provides examples of assets which the *department* would not consider to be *essential public assets* for the purposes of these *arrangements*:

    a. sporting, recreational or community facilities (for example, playgrounds, ovals, showgrounds, skate parks, swimming pools and associated facilities)

    b. religious establishments (for example, churches, temples and mosques), and

    c. memorials.

6. Only eligible estimated costs to reconstruct an *essential public asset* in accordance with the terms and conditions of these *arrangements* are to be claimed. For building assets (for example, hospitals or schools), this does not extend to the costs of replacing the contents and furnishings not permanently attached to the building.