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Roads Signs / Guide Posts

Under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Western Australia (DRFAWA), there are three main options to repair a damaged asset:

1. Emergency works (EW)
2. Immediate reconstruction works (IRW)
3. Essential public asset reconstruction works (EPAR)

An additional option for minor works is available. This option must be discussed with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).

This fact sheet provides detailed advice on the repair / replacement of road signs and guide posts (considered road infrastructure) which are owned and maintained; or operated and maintained by an eligible undertaking (i.e. Main Roads WA or local government).

Road signs may only be considered an essential public asset if they existed at the time of an eligible disaster and are an integral part of the road infrastructure they are connected to and were directly damaged by an eligible disaster. For example, road signs that provide information about road laws that must be obeyed such as 'Stop' or 'Give Way' signs and speed limit signs may be considered EPAs

Similarly, signs warning of possible dangers or indicating the condition of a road such as warning signs or hazard markers may be considered EPAs. In addition, essentials service signs and rest stop signs may also be considered EPAs.

For a road sign to be considered eligible, the road sign needs to satisfy each of the below criteria to be considered an EPA:

- Is an integral part of the state's transport infrastructure; and
- Would, if lost or damaged, disrupt the normal functioning of a community.

Evidence requirements

Claims that include repaired or replaced road signs should include evidence of:

- signs being in place prior to the eligible disaster
- damaged signage where appropriate
- the completed works
- expenditure incurred in accordance with the eligible undertaking's procurement policy and guidelines

All claimed signage should be listed against a Straight Line Kilometre (SLK) or GPS reference in the Damage Pickup.

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Which repair option do I use?

Road signs / guide posts that are repaired or replaced on an EPA within three months from the date of an eligible disaster where there is no other road reinstatement activity should be treated using the Immediate reconstruction works option.

If the repair / replacement is undertaken after three months from the date of the eligible disaster, contact DFES to discuss the minor works option.

Where the repair / replacement of eligible road signs / guide posts is undertaken in conjunction with road reinstatement; they are to be included in the Damage Pickup and comply with EPAR works treatment.

For unsealed roads, it is reasonable to include the removal and reinstatement of roads signs / guide posts as part of the reconstruction activity (as damage is not usually contained between road signs / guide posts).

For sealed roads, again damage is not usually contained between the road signs / guide posts; however the reinstatement of the sealed surface can usually be done without interfering with the roads signs / guide posts (but not always).

Additionally, there is a likelihood of drainage damage and it is usually more efficient to remove any roads signs / guide posts prior to reconstruction activity (quicker and safer).

Sign Categories

The below categories of signs comply with Main Roads Western Australia Traffic Management Signs Index. For a road sign to be deemed eligible it must be included in one of the below six (6) categories of sign types:

Regulatory signs



Warning signs



Guide signs

excluding Funding Series



Temporary signs



Hazard markers



Service signs



For all sign replacements, please ensure compliance with [Main Roads Signs Index](#).

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Signs indicating sporting, recreational or community facilities such as 'tourist drive' signs or signs to camping grounds, are **not** considered EPAs and are not eligible.

Signs indicating road funding and road safety programs are not eligible.

Tourist signs



Where a sign that falls into one of the above categories has to be removed prior to reconstruction activity; associated costs may be eligible as part of EPA reinstatement works.

Footpaths

For signs that are part of a footpath, bike lane or principal shared path network that are **immediately adjacent** to the road asset and are present for safety requirements, the below examples would be considered eligible signage:

- Bicycle / pedestrian directional signs
- Cautionary / safety signs (i.e. school crossing / pedestrian)

Path signage that is not present for safety requirements would not be considered eligible, examples of ineligible signage on paths include:

- Distance markers

More information and advice

If you have any questions or need additional support, contact the Disaster Recovery Funding team at drfawa@dfes.wa.gov.au