



Under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements 2018 (DFRA 2018), councils are required, as a part of their claim, to supply evidence related to the damage caused by a declared event to receive funding. The evidence falls into three (3) categories:

- Pre-Disaster,
- Damage, and
- Completion.

Ideally evidence should be in the form of visual data, including photographs or video footage. Where this type of evidence is unavailable, evidence may also be submitted in the form of:

- Geospatial data (including satellite images, maintenance records, etc.)
- Asset registers, or
- an **inspection report or certification** (undertaken at the time of the damage assessment) conducted or verified **by a Transport suitably qualified professional (SQP)**, with the appropriate level of expertise and experience. The SQP must confirm the damage was caused by the eligible disaster, with sufficient basis for this. The name and title of the inspector or suitably qualified professional must be included in the report/s or certification.

In cases where photographic evidence of an essential public asset's pre-disaster condition is unavailable, Council's SQPs are responsible for creating their certification. This certification confirms the damage to the essential public asset was caused by the eligible disaster.

To ensure consistency and compliance with the DRFA 2018, the Taskforce has prepared a Natural Disaster Pre-Condition Certification Template for Council's SQPs to complete. The template fields are designed to allow for sufficient information to support the ND claim.

The Pre-condition Certificate Template can be found on the TfNSW Natural Disaster Arrangements website page under the tab [Application Forms](#).

## Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more information on Natural Disaster Recovery please contact the Local Government Team in our regional offices.

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