

# Accessing Fodder in Emergency Situations

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

In Tasmania arrangements for the provision of fodder and feed relief for livestock, domestic animals and wildlife in an emergency are different to those that apply in extremely dry conditions or drought. The following information outlines where to go for fodder and feed relief in an emergency.

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**Q: What is an emergency?**

A: Both 'emergency' and 'disaster' are commonly used to describe any event that endangers, injures, damages and/or destroys life, property and the environment, and which requires a significant and coordinated response from one or more emergency management organisations, for example police, ambulance or fire brigade.

**Q: What is the best way to help feed livestock and animals in emergency-affected communities?**

A: In general, the best way for any member of the public to help after any emergency is to donate money or vouchers for the purchase of goods and services supplied by businesses in the affected community.

This not only allows people to identify and meet their most pressing needs, it also helps to stimulate recovery in the local economy.

In Tasmania, Rotary leads the coordination of community-based activities for the collection of publically donated fodder and feed (and donations of money to purchase fodder and feed) for the appropriate distribution to animals on emergency-affected properties. To make a direct donation of fodder or feed in an emergency, please contact Rotary Tasmania by [email](#).

**Q: Why does Rotary coordinate the emergency fodder and feed relief for animals in Tasmania?**

A: Rotary Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government entered into a *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the provision of emergency fodder and feed relief for livestock, domestic animals and wildlife* in February 2016 and reaffirmed this in January 2019.

The MOU recognises that, as a service club organisation that encompasses around 1450 members in 46 clubs in most areas of the State, Rotary is well-equipped to provide support for community recovery initiatives after the immediate danger of emergency and disaster events has passed. Rotary call their coordination program "Rotary Fodder Relief". It is for livestock, domestic animals and wildlife.

**Q: Where can I get advice on animal welfare issues during an emergency event?**

A: For advice on animal welfare before, during and after an emergency event, you can download information from the Biosecurity Tasmania [Animals and Bushfire](#) webpage.

**Q: What do I need to know when feeding and watering livestock after a bushfire?**

A: Some important tips for feeding and watering stock in the days and weeks following the destruction of pasture by a bushfire are available on the [Biosecurity Tasmania](#) website.

A great range of helpful resources for farmers and landowners is also available online through the Agriculture section of [Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment](#) (DPIPWE) website, including information about [Bushfires on Farming Properties](#).