



FenceCycle Bushfire Program

Collecting and recycling burnt fencing material

Program description

Up to \$10 million in grants is available to assist councils with the collection and recycling of the metal components of burnt fencing from bushfire affected rural landholders. The program supports councils to manage and recycle the metal components of burnt fencing and will also assist in the economic recovery of rural communities by ensuring the safe and efficient disposal of this bushfire waste.

Eligibility

Councils (including regional organisations of councils or other local government-controlled organisations) that were affected by the 2019-20 bushfires are eligible for funding. Eligible projects are those involving the collection and recycling of the metal components of fencing damaged in the bushfires from private holders of rural land. Grants of between \$20,000 and \$500,000 are available.

Program details

FenceCycle will support eligible councils with the collection and recycling of the metal components of typical fencing types used in agriculture or rural living. This includes for example, barbed and plain wire, netting or mesh with either timber or metal posts. The program will not cover the recycling of urban type fencing such as solid metal panelling or cyclone security type fencing.

Funding will cover:

- costs associated with collecting and storing the metal components of burnt fencing waste, including use of contractors

- costs for arranging metal recyclers to collect and transport the metal components of burnt fencing waste to recycling facilities.



How to apply

Grant applications will be sought via the grants administration system [SmartyGrants](#).

Timelines

- Applications close 30 April 2021
- Successful applicants announced June 2021

Key Contacts

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Please find all details at:

www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/bushfire-recovery-programs

Photos

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