



1 June 2026

Dear Volunteers,

**Disaster Relief Australia (In Liquidation) ACN 614 474 010 (“the Company”) (“DRA”)**

**An Important Update for Volunteers**

In March, Fort Restructuring was appointed as Voluntary Administrators for Disaster Relief Australia (DRA).

Our role as an independent and neutral party was to work with a broad cross-section of management, employees, creditors, Government and private sector funders to determine if DRA could continue to operate.

Regrettably, due to a lack of funding or alternative proposals to run DRA, at a meeting in Sydney on the afternoon of Friday, 29 May 2026, creditors voted to wind up the company.

In the last few weeks, we have received emails and messages as to the positive impact DRA has on Australian communities and volunteer veterans’ lives.

We understand that you will have questions as to what has happened and why DRA will no longer operate.

We have sought to summarise what in reality is a complex and detailed set of circumstances leading to the closure of DRA below.

I want to thank and acknowledge the volunteer veterans and their families who contacted us in our role as Administrators in recent weeks. The time, skills and help all volunteers provided disaster-impacted communities over many years have made a significant difference.

In the event that any organisations aligned with, or similar to, DRA wish to reach out to DRA volunteers, I will contact the DRA volunteer base to seek consent.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Robinson".

**Mark Robinson**  
Joint and Several Liquidator

## **Why did Disaster Relief Australia enter voluntary administration?**

The Federal Government provides between 63-70% of DRA's funding each year with the rest coming from the private sector or donations. On March 10th this year the Government agency responsible for allocating grants withheld funding. That meant DRA could not pay employees or fund operations. The DRA Board then had no choice but to appoint Administrators.

## **Why was that funding withheld in March this year?**

The Government agency responsible stated it was due to:

- “serious allegations against DRA of misconduct, mismanagement and misuse of grant funding”;
- “formal complaints against DRA relating to staff and volunteer wellbeing”.

They had engaged Deloitte to investigate those allegations.

## **What was the outcome of that investigation?**

This week we were informed that the final Deloitte report concluded there were no adverse findings against DRA.

An earlier investigation commissioned by DRA and conducted by WorkLogic reached the same finding.

## **What about alternative funding or proposals to run DRA?**

In recent weeks the Administrators have spoken to a large number of organisations and individuals about providing funding or running the organisation. We ran a process that saw 15 parties express an interest, four took a close look at DRA's operations and one formal offer.

That offer was withdrawn after the Government informed us there would be no future funding from them – meaning two thirds of DRA's current annual operating budget would have to be found elsewhere.

## **Why has the Government decided not to continue funding DRA?**

We were informed at a meeting on May 19th by the Government agency responsible that their expectation was DRA should now be operating without public funding in line with a long-standing grants process. As such no funding was provided for DRA in the recent Government Budget.

## **What happens now?**

All operations will cease and DRA will close. This is happening now.

**We thank and acknowledge the military veterans and families who contacted us in recent weeks to speak as to the positive impact Disaster Relief Australia had on disaster-impacted communities and their lives.**

**We sincerely thank every volunteer who has given their time to DRA and in service of their community.**

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