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Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

Transport subsidy to assist primary producers affected by fire

This fire season is a testing time for all Tasmanians, and the Government is working to provide practical help to those families and businesses directly affected by fires.

Today, the Tasmanian and Commonwealth Governments announced a transport subsidy scheme to assist primary producers with the transport of livestock, fodder, water, equipment and materials directly associated with their business of primary production.

Natural disasters like bushfires can have a devastating impact on agri-businesses, and the transport subsidy is designed to ease the financial cost placed upon farmers to transport fodder and water for livestock, or transport stock for sale, slaughter or agistment.

Eligible primary producers can claim a subsidy of up to 50 per cent of the total freight cost, to a maximum of \$15,000 per farm enterprise per financial year.

It is important to note that subsidies are only available during the six month period following the declaration of a natural disaster area – with claims to be submitted no more than six months after the first transport movement.

For application forms and additional information, contact the DPIPWE AgriGrowth Liaison Officers on (03) 6777 2233 or farmers.hotline@dpiwwe.tas.gov.au