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Rabobank extends support for clients impacted by bushfires

Rabobank Australia has extended support measures available to farm clients impacted by bushfires to all affected areas of the country.

Rabobank group executive Country Banking Australia Peter Knoblanche said the specialist agribusiness bank's previously-announced bushfire assistance package for Tasmanian clients would be made available to fire-affected farming clients in other parts of Australia.

This follows widespread bushfire activity through parts of New South Wales, the ACT and Victoria over the past two days.

Under the package, clients in applicable circumstances are eligible for a range of support measures, including:

- deferral of scheduled loan payments
- waiving of break costs on early redemption of Farm Management Deposits
- waiving of fees on loan increases necessary to assist in rebuilding operations and
- waiving of fees for equipment finance contract variations.

Mr Knoblanche said while the bank's initial information indicated its clients had escaped the worst of the fires, any clients who had been impacted should contact their local branch or to phone Rabobank on 1800 025 484.

He said the bank would work directly with any affected rural clients to help support them through difficulties resulting from fire damage.

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Rabobank Australia & New Zealand is a part of the international Rabobank Group, the world's leading specialist in food and agribusiness banking. Rabobank has more than 110 years' experience providing customised banking and finance solutions to businesses involved in all aspects of food and agribusiness. Rabobank is structured as a cooperative and operates in 47 countries, servicing the needs of approximately 10 million clients worldwide through a network of more than 1600 offices and branches. Rabobank Australia & New Zealand is one of Australasia's leading rural lenders and a significant provider of business and corporate banking and financial services to the region's food and agribusiness sector. The bank has 93 branches throughout Australia and New Zealand.



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