



Rural Financial Counselling Service Program in Tasmania

This fact sheet provides background information on the Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) Program in Tasmania (TAS) for organisations interested in submitting an application for the 2021 to 2024 grant round on the Community Grants Hub.

About the RFCS Program

The RFCS Program is an Australian Government initiative that provides free and independent financial counselling to eligible farmers, fishers, foresters and small related enterprises who are experiencing, or at risk of, financial hardship.

The RFCS Program has been in operation since 1986. The vision for the 2021 to 2024 RFCS Program is to improve financial wellbeing and resilience at the farm level to build a more sustainable and profitable primary production sector.

TAS RFCS Program region

There are 12 predefined RFCS regions across Australia. TAS has one RFCS region. A detailed map of the TAS RFCS region and associated Local Government Areas can be found [here](#).

Farm businesses in TAS:

The number of farm businesses and land area in TAS is displayed in the table below.

Region	Kilometres of land area	Number of farm businesses*
TAS	68,018 km ²	4,014

*Businesses with an annual turnover of more than \$50,000. Source: ABS 8165.0 (2019) and ABS.STAT (Dataset: Regional Statistics by LGA 2019, 2011-2019).

The main types of primary production businesses in TAS are:

- beef cattle farming (594 businesses)
- dairy cattle farming (531 producers)
- sheep-beef cattle farming (399 businesses)
- fishing (359 businesses)
- forestry (337 businesses)
- sheep farming (288 businesses)
- vegetable growing (278 businesses)
- dairy cattle farming (415 businesses)
- grain-sheep or grain-beef cattle farming (275 businesses)
- aquaculture (160 businesses)
- grape growing (87 businesses).