



SEMC Communiqué

The SEMC met on 7 December 2018. The Hon Francis Logan MLA, Minister for Emergency Services (the Minister) attended the SEMC meeting. The Chairperson welcomed Ms Linda Savage, the new Independent SEMC Member to her first SEMC meeting.

The Key discussion from the meeting are summarised below.

PRESENTATION – HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION IN THE PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA – A SCOPING ANALYSIS

- The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) provided a presentation on scoping analysis on the transportation of Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) in the Perth Metropolitan Area.
- The State Emergency Management Committee noted the presentation regarding the ongoing analysis of risks associated with the transportation of dangerous goods through the Perth metropolitan area.
- SEMC noted that the further analysis and refinement of scope and generation of proposed outcomes and the associated timelines to be presented at the March 2019 SEMC meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The SEMC:

- approved the minutes of recent SEMC ordinary and out of session meetings.
- noted progress of the review into Western Australia's catastrophe and multi-incident command, control and coordination arrangements
- noted the updated details of the actual allocations from the Mitigation Activity Fund for 2018/19;
- noted the endorsement of Emergency Management Exercise Framework Proposal paper by the Response Capability Subcommittee.

- approved the State Emergency Management Exercise Framework which includes:
 - a. the adoption of an Emergency Management Agency (EMA) capability based exercise program.
 - b. the adoption of a 3 yearly State-level exercise program.
 - c. the formation of a State Exercise Coordination Team (SECT) to support the State exercise framework which will result in the disbanding of the Emergency Management Advisory Group, and
 - d. the SECT reporting directly to the SEMC.
 - e. the implementation of the Exercise Management framework will be considered subject to a review of funding sources and allocations.
- approved the proposed amendments to the suite of State emergency management (EM) documents with a date of effect of 21 December 2018 to allow for finalisation of the documents.
- noted the progress of the lessons management framework and consultation.
- endorsed the revocation of the State Emergency Public Information Plan, noting that State Support Plan – Emergency Public Information will replace it.
- endorsed State Support Plan – Emergency Public Information.
- endorsed the amendments to the State EM Policy text.
- endorsed the amendments to the State EM Plan text.
- noted the proposed update to the membership list for the Essential Service Network Operators Reference Group (ESNORG)
- noted the call for items to the agenda for the Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee (ANZEMC) meeting to be held on Thursday 21 February 2019 in Perth.
- approved the revocation of the following Westplans, noting that State Hazard Plan – Energy Supply Disruption will replace:
 1. Gas Supply Disruption
 2. Liquid Fuel Supply Disruption
 3. Electricity Supply Disruption
- approved State Hazard Plan – Energy Supply Disruption.
- noted the Communication and Marketing Strategy for State Hazard Plan – Energy Supply Disruption.
- noted the Communication and Marketing Strategy for State Support Plan – Emergency Public Information.
- noted the update on public safety mobile broadband (PSMB) developments.

General Items

Risk:

- A risk mitigation/treatments handbook is in final preparation and is due for release in December 2018.
- An all hazards, State Level Risk Profile is being developed for online access through the SEMC website.
- The current NDRP grants round is being informed by the State Risk Project, State Capability Project and Preparedness Report data.

- A comprehensive, integrated, hazardous materials transportation analysis for the metropolitan area is underway and expected to run through 2019.

Capability:

- The 2018 Emergency Preparedness Report was completed and tabled in Parliament.
- A revision to the 2019 Emergency Preparedness Report methodology is underway with proposed emphasis towards initiatives and actions addressing key and enduring issues.

Recovery:

- Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements (DRFA) - The new Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements (DRFA) commenced on 1 November 2018.
- Two WANDRRA activations have occurred, Sept the Flooding in the Gascoyne Catchment with estimated damage of \$3.8 million. The second claim flooding in the Wheatbelt has estimated damage of \$1.82 million. Both claims were for events in 17/18.
- A recovery network is being established to assist in building local government capabilities and share lessons and best practice. A webinar focussed on 'Preparing for Recovery: Organisational Resilience' was held in October. 43 representatives from local government attended, with a further 69 viewing the recorded presentation online. A survey indicated an increase in understanding of the topic and an intent to implement changes as a result of what was learned. Future webinars are being planned.
- Local Recovery Guidelines are currently being reviewed, with the next 12 months focussing on the development of online tools and resources that support local government's recovery capabilities.

Governance:

- Development of the State Emergency Animal Welfare Plan continues with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).
- As of November 2018, of the 40 recommendations and opportunities for improvement, 34 Ferguson Report recommendations and opportunities for improvement were completed, and 6 in progress.

Investment:

Mitigation Activity Fund (MAF)

- The announcement of the first round of MAF funding for 2018-19 competitive grants was announced 14 September, providing \$3.3 million to the local governments for the delivery of eligible treatments across regional WA.
- An additional competitive grant round will be called shortly, seeking to support activities that build the fire management capacity and overall resilience of regional communities for local governments. These funds will need to be spent by 30 June 2019.

National Partnership Agreement (NPA)

- The next round of Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) competitive grants, based on existing funding to June 2018, opened in November and closes 8 February 2019. \$4.2 million is available for allocation.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The SEMC acknowledged and noted two Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) from the following local governments:

1. City of Kwinana
2. City of Gosnells

SEMC MEETINGS

The next SEMC meetings is scheduled for 8 March 2019.

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