

SEMC COMMUNIQUE

14 August 2020 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) met on 14 August 2020. The key discussion items and resolutions from the meeting are summarised below.

COVID-19 Update

Updates on the rapidly changing response to COVID-19 were provided by:

- Dr Robyn Lawrence, COVID-19 Incident Controller and Deputy Chief Health Officer, Department of Health
- D/Commissioner Gary Dreier and A/Assistant Commissioner Paul Steel, Western Australian Police Force
- State Emergency Coordinator, Commissioner Dawson
- Prof. Tarun Weeramanthri, previous WA Chief Health Officer recently deployed to Victoria
- Mr Howard Gretton, State Emergency Public Information Coordinator
- Mr Andrew Sanders, Deputy State Welfare Coordinator

General Update

- SEMC approved the release of a final round of competitive grants under the Natural Disaster Risk Resilience Program. Details will be made available [here](#).
- Local Emergency Management Arrangements from seven local governments were noted.
- A revised State Hazard Plan Hazardous Materials Emergencies (HAZMAT) – [Annex B Space Re-Entry Debris \(SPRED\)](#) was approved by SEMC.
- SEMC also noted a series of Statement of Fact [changes](#) across the State Emergency Management Framework to align to the revised *Emergency Management Act 2005* and support the implementation of the WA Recovery Plan.
- SEMC also received an update on the Smart Freeways, their impact on emergency vehicles and the joint exercises.
- Updates were noted on the [State Exercise Framework](#) and the [Community Disaster Resilience Strategy](#).