

# SEMC COMMUNIQUE

09 October 2020 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) met on 09 October 2020. The key discussion items and resolutions from the meeting are summarised below.

## General Update

- Commander James Copeman presented on the capability and mandate of the Australian Border Force in Western Australia.
- SEMC endorsed priorities and timeframes for the release of [AWARE](#) grants in November of 2020 to all Local Governments. Further information will be made available shortly.
- The large amount of consultation to deliver the [Community Disaster Resilience Strategy](#) was noted. Delivery of the strategy is anticipated for mid-2021.
- Local Emergency Management Arrangements from 12 Local Governments were noted. These arrangements support local activities before, during and after an emergency to minimise the impact on communities.
- Revisions to the [State Exercise Framework](#) were approved including:
  - Amendment to the start date of the three-year state exercise cycle being undertaken by the State Exercise Coordination Team to 1 July 2020.
  - Approved the hazard of Earthquake as the scenario to test capabilities throughout the three-year state exercise cycle.
- Revised [Emergency Management Forms](#) and [State Hazard Plan – Maritime Environmental Emergencies](#) were noted by SEMC. These amendments reflect the change in Hazard Management Agency to the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of transport and updates to the jurisdiction of waters in alignment with the *Emergency Management Regulations 2006*.
- A revised term of reference for the Public Information Reference Group was supported to increase membership representation.
- SEMC endorsed the progression of an aggregated buying model to procure a crisis information management system across government, led by the Department of Finance to support:
  - Collaboration across hazard management organisations: sharing knowledge and practice
  - Alignment with Emergency Management Arrangements to establish integrated and interoperable information management systems
  - Alignment to the Office of Digital Government's Digital WA ICT Strategy
- Funding distribution for the 2020/21 Royalties for Regions Fund to mitigate priority bushfire risk on regional parcels of Unallocated Crown Land, Unmanaged Crown Reserve, and Crown Reserves were approved.