



Final Communiqué

Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee 4 May 2023 - Virtual

A meeting of the Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee (ANZEMC) was held virtually on 4 May 2023. Representatives were present from the Commonwealth, state and territory governments and the Australian Local Government Association.

[Update on lesson from the High Risk Weather Season and Strategic Direction](#)

ANZEMC members shared their experiences and lessons identified from the High Risk Weather Season and reiterated their commitment to develop a strategic national agenda to ensure it continues to meet the policy and operational needs in the current and emerging context.

[Commonwealth Reviews](#)

The ANZEMC discussed the reviews underway, which aim to ensure that we have a national disaster management system that remains effective and fit-for-purpose amid an evolving disaster landscape. The ANZEMC considered the role of ANZEMC in that system.

[National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting Terms of Reference and Annual Reporting processes](#)

The ANZEMC noted the submission of the National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting 2023 Annual Report and the revised Terms of Reference to National Cabinet.

[National Emergency Alert 5G Uplift Completion](#)

The ANZEMC noted that in December 2022 the National Emergency Alert service was successfully uplifted to include subscribers of the 5G mobile networks, ensuring that they will receive location-based text message emergency alerts, thus, maintaining situational awareness and safety for the community.

[National Public Safety Mobile Broadband](#)

ANZEMC discussed an independent PSMB Strategic Review being considered by the Australian Government. ANZEMC noted the need for work to be expedited to deliver a national PSMB capability and the need for the establishment of an intergovernmental taskforce to commence discussions on the co-design and delivery of a national PSMB capability and relevant work that may arise from the PSMB Strategic Review.

[Update from National Emergency Management Agency \(Au\)](#)

The ANZEMC received an update on policy and program priorities within the National Emergency Management Agency. This included progress on the Disaster Ready Fund, the Mental Health Disaster and Wellbeing Framework, the First National Mental Health Plan for Emergency Services Workers, the National 'Tell Us Once' program, renewed engagement with the Charitable and Not-for-Profit sector as well as the publication of the National Crisis and Recovery Exercising Program and National Exercising Toolkit.

[Royal Commission Implementation Time-Limited Working Group update](#)

Members noted the closure of 12 complete Commonwealth *Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements* Recommendations, agreed the process for the closure of remaining recommendations and endorsed the *Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements* Implementation Report for progression to the National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting.



Further, members noted that the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council and the Australian Climate Service are to be invited to attend the Royal Commission Implementation Time-limited Working Group as observers.

[Sendai Time-limited Working Group update](#)

The ANZEMC agreed to a recommendation from the Sendai Time-limited Working Group to rename and evolve the Sendai Time-limited Working Group to the Disaster Risk Reduction Time-limited Working Group, following their successful collaboration culminating in Australia's Sendai Framework Mid-Term Review Report in September 2022. The ANZEMC agreed to a recommendation from the Sendai Time-limited Working Group to extend the operation until 31 January 2024.

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