

# COMMUNIQUÉ

## Extraordinary National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting

17 September 2021

At the request of the Prime Minister, an extraordinary National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting (NEMMM) was held on 17 September 2021. Emergency management ministers and nominated senior officials from Australian, state and territory governments and the Australian Local Government Association, participated in the meeting.

Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie, Minister for Emergency Management and National Recovery and Resilience chaired the meeting, which focused on collective preparation for the 2021-22 high risk weather season, progress in implementing the *Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements* (the Royal Commission) and delivery of National Federation Reform Council priority actions.

### OUTCOMES

#### [Update on high risk weather season and preparations to support communities](#)

Members were provided with an update on the high risk weather season for Australia by Mr Joe Buffone PSM, Director General Emergency Management Australia and enhanced capabilities for the National Situation Room and how this will operate with states and territories during a disaster. Mr Nico Padovan PSM, Chief Operating Officer of the National Recovery and Resilience Agency updated members on disaster recovery support arrangements.

#### [Priorities set by the National Federation Reform Council and implementation of the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements](#)

All members reported on progress to implement the Royal Commission recommendations, including aligned activities relating to state level inquiries. NEMMM agreed to undertake work to determine opportunities to further align disaster management and resilience building activity and reporting occurring at the national and state level and to improve progress against the Royal Commission.

NEMMM will continue to progress priorities tasked by the National Federation Reform Council with outcomes to be reported to National Cabinet on 1 October 2021. All states and territories agreed to progress sharing hazard reduction data and information across jurisdictions.

Minister McKenzie welcomed the collaboration of members and the opportunity for all levels of government to work closely through the NEMMM to reduce the risk of disasters to Australian communities and to deliver timely and effective support when disasters occur.