

COMMUNIQUÉ

National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting 7 June 2023

A meeting of the National Emergency Management Ministers was held virtually on 7 June 2023. Emergency Management Ministers and the Vice-President of the Australian Local Government Association attended and were supported by senior officials from Australian, state and territory and local governments.

The National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting (NEMMM) was chaired by Senator the Hon Murray Watt, Commonwealth Minister for Emergency Management.

Meeting Outcomes

Observations on the High Risk Weather Season

NEMMM members shared observations from the 2022-23 High Risk Weather Season and committed to working collaboratively to address current and future challenges. Members noted the improved cooperation between different levels of government had delivered better disaster response and recovery and identified areas for further work, based on experiences from the 2022-23 season.

National Capabilities

Members discussed and agreed on collaboration to support measures from the 2023-24 Budget to strengthen national response and preparedness for disasters including through the Public Safety Mobile Broadband, Non-Defence capability and the Disaster Ready Fund.

Second National Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction

Members noted the progress of the Second National Action Plan to implement the *National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework* and agreed in-principle to the concurrent development of tangible government sector commitments for action.

Stewardship and Governance

Members discussed the strategic aims and insights of current emergency management reviews, including how they will come together to improve Australia's national disaster management system.

Members discussed the ongoing review of the *Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements* and committed to transparency in reporting.

Members agreed an approach to public reporting of progress in the implementation of recommendations from the *Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements*.