

# Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee

Monday, 2 September 2024

## COMMUNIQUÉ

A meeting of the Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee (ANZEMC) was held in Sydney on Monday 2 September 2024. Representatives from the Commonwealth, state and territory governments, New Zealand and the Australian Local Government Association were present, supported by their senior officials.

### **Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements**

The Committee discussed progress against recommendations from the *Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements*, and recognised the importance of continued investment in evolving Australia's approach to disaster management to ensure Australia is adapting to the impacts of climate change. The National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting (NEMMM) on 6 September 2024 will consider these recommendations for transition into ongoing work at the national level, including through the NEMMM Priorities and ANZEMC Work Plan.

### **Independent Review of National Natural Disaster Governance Arrangements (Glasser Review)**

Members discussed the *Independent Review of National Natural Disaster Governance Arrangements* (Glasser Review), including actions taken earlier in 2024 to address a number of the Review's recommendations. Members agreed to additional actions designed to further strengthen emergency management governance arrangements. The NEMMM will consider these actions for endorsement on 6 September 2024.

### **Insurance**

NEMA provided members with a summary of the work underway in the Hazards Insurance Partnership, including an update on the findings from a community attitudes survey on risk, insurance and resilience, and progress on building an insurance data asset.

### **Temporary Housing**

Members discussed lessons learned on temporary housing from recent disasters, along with challenges and good practices, and considered priority areas of work to advance this critical issue under the ANZEMC Work Plan.

### **Emergency Volunteering**

New South Wales (NSW) delivered a presentation on the NSW Review of Emergency Volunteering. Members discussed guiding principles for national action to support emergency volunteering. NSW and the Commonwealth will co-host an inter-jurisdictional forum, commencing in 2024, for jurisdictions to share their experiences, good practices and initiatives to support the wellbeing and engagement of volunteers, and consider new initiatives and reforms that could be recommended for further consideration by NEMMM in mid-2025.

### **Register.Find.Reunite**

Members discussed the Register.Find.Reunite capability, including the value of maintaining a national system for the current financial year. A Time-Limited Working Group will undertake further work to assess the availability and suitability of alternative capabilities, determine capability enhancements required to meet the current and future needs of states and territories, and will consider options for future funding of a national capability, with recommendations provided for consideration by ANZEMC in mid-2025.

### **National Emergency Management Stockpile**

Members discussed a proposed cost recovery model for the use of National Emergency Management Stockpile (NEMS) goods.