

## National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting

Friday, 15 November 2024

### COMMUNIQUÉ

The National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting (NEMMM), chaired by Senator the Hon. Jenny McAllister, Commonwealth Minister for Emergency Management, was held virtually on 15 November 2024.

Commonwealth, state and territory emergency management portfolio ministers and the Vice President of the Australian Local Government Association attended and were supported by their senior officials.

#### **Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding; Independent Review of National Natural Disaster Governance Arrangements**

Members discussed the Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding, released on 25 October 2024, and how they will work together to inform the Australian Government response to the recommendations. They also considered alignment with the Independent Review of National Natural Disaster Governance Arrangements.

#### **Recovery Support Package and Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Administrative Changes**

Members considered the Recovery Support Package measures to enhance disaster recovery, publically announced by Senator the Hon. Jenny McAllister on 25 October 2024, and changes to the DRFA administrative arrangements and discussed opportunities to support implementation of the changes.

#### **Hazard Insurance Partnership (HIP)**

Members noted the outcomes from the 12 November 2024 HIP meeting and the opportunity for regular briefings to be included on the Agenda of each meeting in 2025.

#### **Disaster Ready Fund (DRF)**

Members noted the update on DRF Round Three design and consultation and discussed opportunities to further strengthen their partnership on this important disaster risk reduction and resilience initiative, including through further consultation in the coming months.

#### **Public Safety Mobile Broadband (PSMB) Update**

Members noted the PSMB Taskforce progress report. The Australian Government continues to work in collaboration with states and territories on implementing the recommendations of the 2022 Public Safety Mobile Broadband Strategic Review, including through the recent Request for Information that will inform the delivery model, solution design and costs for an enduring national Public Safety Mobile Broadband capability.

#### **National Emergency Management Stockpile (NEMS) Cost Model**

Members received an update on the development of the NEMS Cost Model. Senator the Hon. Jenny McAllister advised that upon approval by the Australian Government, the NEMS Cost Model will be distributed to members as part of an out of session paper for noting.

#### **Higher Risk Weather Season Preparedness**

Members discussed preparations for the 2024-25 Higher Risk Weather Season across each jurisdiction, along with the outcomes of the National Preparedness Program.

#### **Disability Inclusive Emergency Management (DIEM) Principles and Toolkit**

Members endorsed the Disability Inclusive Emergency Management Principles and Toolkit and agreed for them to be used nationally. The Principles and Toolkit will help governments, emergency planners, and community and disability organisations, to develop more consistent and effective disability inclusive emergency planning. This will improve safety and wellbeing outcomes for people with disability before, during and after emergencies.