Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee

Monday, 28 October 2024

COMMUNIQUÉ

A meeting of the Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee (ANZEMC) was held virtually on 28 October 2024.

Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding

Following the release of the Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding on 25 October 2025, ANZEMC members were briefed on the themes from the review and discussed how they could best work together to inform the Australian Government's response.

ANZEMC and NEMMM Health Check

Members discussed the NEMMM priorities and ANZEMC Work Plan for 2025 and agreed to prioritise activities that link to the Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding.

Development of a National Framework to Enhance the Resilience of Indigenous Peoples and Communities

Senior Research Fellow Bhiamie Williamson and Research Fellow Nell Reidy from Monash University's National Indigenous Disaster Resilience program presented to members on the disproportionate and unique impacts of disasters on Indigenous people and communities. Members agreed to support the continued development of a National Framework to Enhance the Resilience of Indigenous Peoples and Communities, which will address gaps in knowledge, practice and coordination to better support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities in emergency management, disaster recovery and resilience.

Disaster Ready Fund

Members considered the outcomes of Round 2 of the Disaster Ready Fund, which is delivering 164 projects across Australia, and received an update on the development of guidelines for Round 3.

Public Safety Mobile Broadband (PSMB)

Members noted the PSMB Taskforce continues to work in collaboration with states and territories on implementing recommendations of the 2022 PSMB Strategic Review, and that significant progress has been made. Members also noted that responses to the recent Request for Information have informed work on identifying a preferred delivery model and alternatives, the solution design and costs for an enduring national PSMB capability.

Disability Inclusive Emergency Management Principles and Toolkit

Members will provide a position on the Disability Inclusive Emergency Management Principles and Toolkit out of session.

National Messaging System Delivery Approach

Members will provide a position on the National Messaging System Delivery Approach out of session.