



Final Communiqué

Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee 21 August 2023 – Brisbane

A meeting of the Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee (ANZEMC) was held in Brisbane on 21 August 2023. Representatives were present from the Commonwealth, state and territory governments, National Emergency Management Agency New Zealand and the Australian Local Government Association.

Seasonal Outlook

The Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee members were provided with an update on the Seasonal Outlook by the Bureau of Meteorology and High Risk Weather Season Preparedness from the National Emergency Management Agency.

Impact Assessments

The Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee discussed the importance of sharing disaster information, including impact assessments, and committed to establishing a time-limited work group to develop a consistent impact assessment methodology.

Improving Recovery Planning and the impact of DRFA support

The Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee discussed opportunities regarding recovery planning for significant disasters under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA). Members agreed that to support communities recovering from disasters, and where an event is of significant scale and impact, a recovery assessment that guides the recovery process – including to determine the types of assistance required under the DRFA – will be established by the state or territory government. The assessment should aim to include a clear communications strategy to notify the community of the recovery support available, and when and how it will be delivered.

Developing a National Risk Profile

The Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee discussed the benefits of a National Disaster Risk Profile. Members agreed that the Australian Government will develop an approach to a National Disaster Risk Profile in collaboration with jurisdictions.

Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee Future Work Plan

The Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee members agreed to develop an interim work plan to ensure the Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee continues to meet the policy and operational needs in the current and emerging context. The interim work plan will consider jurisdictional priorities and resourcing.

Royal Commission Implementation Time-Limited Working Group Update

The Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee endorsed the closure of five *Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements* recommendations.