

## Communiqué

### Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee

3 November 2023

A meeting of the Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee (ANZEMC) was held on 3 November 2023. Representatives were present from the Commonwealth, state and territory governments, National Emergency Management Agency New Zealand and the Australian Local Government Association.

#### **Update on the Current Season**

The Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee members were provided with an update on the Seasonal Outlook, the 2023-24 Higher Risk Weather Season Preparedness Summit and the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Roadshow from the National Emergency Management Agency.

#### **Deployable Emergency Accommodation Register**

Members noted the summary of the Deployable Emergency Accommodation Register.

#### **Insurance arrangements**

Members were provided with a presentation on the Hazards Insurance Partnership and the various strategic projects that the National Emergency Agency is progressing, working with the insurance sector to better target mitigation investment and see risk reduction recognised in reduced insurance premium costs where possible.

#### **Lithium-ion batteries, electric vehicles and safety considerations for emergency services workers**

Members discussed the range of issues identified with Lithium-ion batteries, electric vehicles and safety considerations for Emergency Services Workers. Members agreed to share the discussion paper for consideration of the Australasian Fire Authorities Council and request them to attend a future ANZEMC meeting to present on the work being undertaken by the existing working group.

#### **Update from the National Emergency Management Agency New Zealand**

Members received an update from the National Emergency Management Agency New Zealand.

#### **Community Outcomes and Recovery Sub-Committee**

The Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee endorsed the *Recovery Needs Assessment Guidelines*, developed by the Community Outcomes and Recovery Sub-Committee.

#### **Impact Assessments**

The Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee discussed the importance of sharing disaster information, including impact assessments, and have established a Time limited Working Group to take this work forward.

#### **Royal Commission Time-limited Working Group Update**

The Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee agreed to recommend that the National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting agree to the closure of eight *Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements* recommendations directed to either the Australian Government, to the Australian and state and territory governments, or to the state and territory governments.

**Omnibus**

The Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee received an update on the National Recovery Training Program, which has created nationally consistent and accredited qualifications for recovery practitioners to be made available to personnel of emergency management entities in national, state and local jurisdictions and volunteer organisations.

Members noted the work undertaken by the Disaster Risk Reduction Time-limited Working Group, particularly during development of the Second National Action Plan to implement the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework, data collection for the Systemic Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning System, and their ongoing involvement in the design of Round Two of the Disaster Ready Fund.