

COMMUNIQUÉ

National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting

19 February 2021

The inaugural National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting (NEMMM) was held on 19 February 2021. Emergency management ministers and nominated senior officials from Australian, state and territory governments and the Australian Local Government Association, participated in the meeting.

The Hon David Littleproud MP, Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management chaired the meeting, which focused on establishing NEMMM's strategic priority actions and governance arrangements.

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

Update on high risk weather season

Members of the NEMMM were provided with an update on the high risk weather season by Mr Joe Buffone PSM, Director General Emergency Management Australia and Dr Andrew Johnson, CEO and Director of Meteorology, Bureau of Meteorology.

Commissioner Darren Klemm AFSM, Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Western Australia thanked the Australian Government for its support during the state's recent fires.

Priorities set by the National Federation Reform Council and implementation of the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements

Members of the NEMMM agreed to progress *Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements* priorities tasked by the National Federation Reform Council, through the Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee.

NEMMM Terms of Reference and governance arrangements National emergency management recovery priorities

The NEMMM endorsed its terms of reference and governance structure to support the delivery of the priority *Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements* recommendations.

Minister Littleproud extended his gratitude to emergency services workers across Australia for their ongoing work throughout this current disaster season.