



# SEMC Communiqué

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) met on 02 August 2019. The key discussion items and resolutions from the meeting are summarised below.

## General Update

- SEMC approved a revised State Hazard Plan – Terrorist Act for limited distribution.
- Amendments were approved to the State emergency management documents to reflect contemporary terminology across plans and guidelines, committees, business units and reference to the Public Utilities Office.
- SEMC endorsed Aide Memoirs relating to the roles of State Recovery Controller and State Recovery Coordinator. These were noted as useful tools that provide clarity to those fulfilling and interacting with these roles.
- SEMC endorsed a review of State EM Policy section 5.12, including the existing Funding in Emergencies – Criteria, for meeting costs associated with emergencies. This request was raised by the four metropolitan district emergency management committees.
- The draft *2018/19 State Emergency Management Committee's (SEMC) Annual Report* was endorsed. This report is a collation of all District Emergency Management Committee, Subcommittee and Reference Group annual reports and illustrates the activities and achievements of the last 12 months.
- The progress made to date on the SEMC strategic planning process was noted. SEMC endorsed the proposed vision and mission resulting from workshop one. Workshop two will include broader representation from the emergency management sector and be scheduled shortly.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

The Executive Officer update summarised key outcomes since the last meeting that impact on emergency management within Western Australia.

### **Climate Health WA Inquiry**

A meeting was held with the Inquirer where he commended the lead SEMC has taken on climate change and commended the research undertaken to date. As climate change is a critical issue impacting our sector, SEMC will provide a submission to the Climate Health WA Inquiry and commends the work being undertaken.

SEMC noted the government has released its response to the report '*No time for complacency; Final report for the inquiry into the protection of crowded places in Western Australia from terrorist acts*'. The response can be found here: [http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/commit.nsf/\(Report+Lookup+by+Com+ID\)/247D85CDDA2E1E6F482583C3002F75B3/\\$file/12609681.pdf](http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/commit.nsf/(Report+Lookup+by+Com+ID)/247D85CDDA2E1E6F482583C3002F75B3/$file/12609681.pdf)

### **Risk:**

- An all hazards State Level Risk Profile is being developed for online access through the SEMC website.

### **Capability:**

- The 2019 Capability Survey that underpins the Emergency Preparedness Report has closed. 156 agencies responded including 127 Local Governments. Full analysis and graphing of the data has now been undertaken.
- The 2019 Emergency Preparedness Report will primarily comprise a section on the holistic capability for the State and a series of deep dive analysis into recurring and critical themes.

### **Recovery:**

- A review of the Comprehensive Impact Assessment document has been undertaken with all Hazard Management Agencies and Local Government, and is being finalised for approval and release.

### **Governance:**

- Policy and legislative review are ongoing with each change or amendment to be released for consultation when ready.

### **Investment:**

- The grant round recipients for All West Australians Reducing Emergencies (AWARE) 2019-20 were announced in June 2019, with \$275,000 being distributed to 23 projects that will enhance community emergency management capacity at a local or district

level. Assessment was undertaken by the DEMC's prior to consideration by a State Panel. These projects will be delivered over the coming 2 years.

## SEMC MEETINGS

The next SEMC meetings is scheduled for 04 October 2019.

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