



SEMC Communiqué

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) met on 8 May 2020. The meeting content was heavily focused around the ongoing COVID-19 emergency. The key discussion items and resolutions from the meeting are summarised below.

Presentation

- Significant time was dedicated to receiving updates from SEMC members engaged in the response to and recovery from COVID-19. Updates were provided by the State Emergency Coordinator, State Welfare Coordinator, Hazard Management Agency, Western Australian Local Government Association and an update provided on behalf of the State Recovery Controller. Common themes included the outstanding collaboration between agencies and reinforcing the need for ongoing communication. It was recognised that an important element in the response and recovery is local engagement and support.

General Update

- The [WA Managing Exercises Guideline](#) was approved by SEMC. The approved guidelines, [templates and exemplars](#) are now available on the SEMC website.
- The recent [amendments](#) to the Emergency Management Act were noted by the Committee. A comprehensive impact analysis currently is being undertaken on the suite of State EM documents to reinforce these changes.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

- The [Royal Commission into the Natural Disaster Arrangements](#) has been underway for some time. SEMC will contribute to the Royal Commission through whole of government responses and responding to notices issued by the Commission.