



SEMC BULLETIN

Note: This bulletin supersedes SEMC bulletin No. 1 approved by the SEMC on 4 October 2016.

THE STATE STRATEGIC CONTROL PRIORITIES FOR ALL HAZARDS ARE:

- **PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF LIFE:** This is the fundamental overarching priority for the State, and includes:
 - Safety of emergency services personnel.
 - Safety of community members including vulnerable community members and visitors/tourists located within the incident area.
- **Community warnings and information**
- **Protection of critical infrastructure and community assets**
- **Protection of residential property**
- **Protection of assets supporting individual livelihood and community financial sustainability**
- **Protection of environmental and heritage values.**

The above priorities are **not hierarchical**; however protection and preservation of life must be paramount when considering the State strategic control priorities that identify the priority roles and actions for the emergency management response, where there are concurrent risks or competing priorities.

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) has confirmed this set of State strategic control priorities to underpin and guide all decisions made during the emergency management response to hazards in Western Australia. These priorities provide clear direction on the factors to be considered during an emergency response.

This bulletin has been issued as a result of recommendations made within *Reframing Rural Fire Management – Report of the Special Inquiry into the January 2016 Waroona Fire* (the Ferguson Report). The Ferguson Report recommended that the DFES strategic control priorities for fire be adopted as State priorities for all hazards.