



The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP

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PHIL KOPERBERG TO CHAIR STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell today announced former Rural Fire Service Commissioner Phil Koperberg as the new Chair of the State Emergency Management Committee.

Mr O'Farrell told Parliament Mr Koperberg was a standout candidate, and would ensure NSW received the best advice in preparing for and responding to emergency situations across the State.

"We have seen this year – through the floods in Queensland and the earthquakes in Christchurch and Japan – the importance of having the best possible strategic advice on dealing with natural disasters," Mr O'Farrell said.

"NSW is not immune from floods, fires and other emergencies and when they happen we have to be prepared.

"Phil Koperberg will be an excellent Chair of the State's Emergency Management Committee – there is no one in NSW better qualified.

"Mr Koperberg had a long and distinguished career as Commissioner of the Rural Fire Service and he has all the right credentials for this job.

"This is another example of the NSW Government making appointments on merit.

"I have constantly said that I want the best person to do the job – no matter what that job may be or their political persuasion.

"When it comes to providing advice on the best way to deal with natural disasters and emergencies there is no better-credentialed candidate than Mr Koperberg.

"The NSW Government is grateful to have secured his expertise," Mr O'Farrell said.