



New South Wales State Emergency Management Committee

Meeting 82 – 1 December 2011

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On 1 December 2011, the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) held its fourth and final meeting for the year.

The SEMC was briefed on the progress of a number of key projects and plans.

O'Reilly Report in to the Orica Incident

The Committee considered the recommendations of the O'Reilly Review into the response to the serious pollution incident at the Orica Australia Pty Ltd ammonium nitrate plant at Kooragang Island. The Committee agreed to ask the Hunter Central Coast District Emergency Management Committee to develop and implement emergency response exercises, in conjunction with Orica Australia Pty Ltd, that incorporate the media and the public and evaluate the most appropriate means of communication, the clarity of information, its timeliness and public satisfaction levels.

The Committee also agreed to a process to review planning arrangements at a District level with a view to making any necessary amendments to address issues specific to major hazard facilities across New South Wales. This includes developing a precinct plan for Kooragang Island and surrounds.

State Bush Fire Sub Plan

The Committee considered and endorsed the State Bush Fire Sub Plan. The plan details the arrangements for preventing, preparing for, responding to and initially recovering from bush fire events by combat, participating and support agencies in New South Wales. It is published at www.emergency.nsw.gov.au.

Goal 28, NSW 2021 Plan

In September 2011, the Premier launched NSW 2021. NSW 2021 is the State Government's 10 year plan to guide its policy and budget decision making. Goal 28, NSW 2021 is to *Ensure NSW is ready to deal with major emergencies and natural disasters*. The Committee received an update on the steps being taken to meet the targets in Goal 28.

Agency, Functional Area and Working Group Reports

The Committee was also updated on the activities of emergency service agencies, functional areas and a number of Working Groups.

The next meeting of the State Emergency Management Committee is scheduled for 1 March 2012.

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