

Meeting 106 – 14 September 2017
COMMUNIQUÉ

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) held its third meeting of the year on Thursday 14 September in Wollongong.

Membership Changes

Members welcomed Deputy Commissioner, Specialist Support, Catherine Burn as the State Emergency Operations Controller and Deputy Commissioner Metropolitan Field Command, Jeff Loy as the Deputy State Emergency Operations Controller. Mr Tony McGuirk joined the committee as Deputy Environmental Services Functional Area Coordinator.

Interagency After-Action Review and Independent Review Reports - Northern Rivers Flooding

An Interagency After-Action Review for the Northern Rivers Floods was held on 7 June 2017. The independent review of the NSW SES Operational Response has been completed with twenty-one recommendations made. The SEMC endorsed the recommendations.

Critical Infrastructure Resilience Strategy: Discussion Paper

A Critical Infrastructure Resilience Strategy (CIRS) is being developed for the State and a Discussion Paper will be considered by the Government in September 2017. The SEMC endorsed the Discussion Paper and Engagement Plan. Stakeholder consultation will shortly commence, with the government sector and communities a key focus in forums across metropolitan and regional locations in October 2017.

Key Issues and Lessons Learned – Recovery 2016/17 Operational Report

Four major events occurred in 2016/17. Each have required extensive response and recovery activities. Key changes going forward include the dispatch of Recovery Liaison Officers in the early phases of an event to more effectively streamline transition from response to recovery.

Emergency Management and Disaster Resilience Review

Following the launch of the State Level Emergency Risk Assessment in August 2017, funds have been secured to address priorities identified in the Emergency Risk Management Framework. Work includes data risk modelling, exercises and aligning community engagements. The Committee endorsed a strategic planning workshop to establish a plan to address identified priorities.

Emergency Information Coordination Unit (EICU) Work Plan 2017-18

The SEMC endorsed the EICU work plan for 2017/18.

Emergency Management Plans

The Office of Emergency Management will co-ordinate a review of the New South Wales Emergency Management Plan. A survey will be sent to members as part of the review.

Members noted the updates for the Botany Bay Precinct, Lucas Heights and State Flood Subplans and agreed that the Botany Bay Precinct and Lucas Heights Subplan reviews will be undertaken by the Sydney Metropolitan Regional Emergency Management Committee. A consultation draft of the NSW State Flood Plan will also be circulated to members out of session for comment.

Sendai Framework Implementation

The Australia New Zealand Emergency Management Committee has established an inter-jurisdictional Sendai Framework Working Group to assist in the development of a national strategy for the implementation of the Framework.

The Working Group will investigate existing data sets that can be used for reporting against global indicators. A trial of data collection will be undertaken between October 2017 and February 2018.

The next State Emergency Management Committee is scheduled for 5 December 2017.