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Final Communiqué

Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee 13 October 2022 - Sydney

A meeting of the Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee (ANZEMC) was held on 13 October 2022 in Sydney. Representatives were present from the Commonwealth, state and territory governments and the Australian Local Government Association.

Update on 2022-23 High Risk Weather Season events and ongoing recovery efforts

ANZEMC members were provided with jurisdictional updates on the 2022-23 High Risk Weather Season and/or ongoing recovery effort, highlighting the importance of collaboration, mitigation and preparedness. Jurisdiction members provided updates on current events and operations.

Update from National Emergency Management Agency (NZ) and the Trifecta Program

The ANZEMC received an update from New Zealand National Emergency Management Agency.

Update from National Emergency Management Agency (Au)

The ANZEMC received an update regarding the recent priorities within the National Emergency Management Agency including an overview of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held on 19-22 September 2022, an update on the Second National Action Plan for the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework, the ongoing priority work for the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, National Disaster Mental Health and Wellbeing Framework, the Ministerial Councils Review and national exercising capability.

Report to the National Federation Reform Council and update on Tranche 1 Priority Actions of the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements

The ANZEMC heard updates on the progress of the *Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements* Priority Actions and endorsed the report for progression to the National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting ahead of submission to the National Federation Reform Council.

Process for progressing and closing Royal Commission Priority Actions and Time-limited Working Group

The ANZEMC agreed on a process to close Royal Commission Priority Actions and discussed the formation of an inter-jurisdictional Royal Commission Time-limited Working Group supported by NEMA (Au) to continue the ongoing requirements of reporting against remaining recommendations.

Australian Disaster Recovery Framework

The Australian Disaster Recovery Framework was endorsed by the ANZEMC.

Emergency Alert (EA) High Level Group (HLG) Terms of Reference Updates

The ANZEMC agreed to endorse the National EA HLG Terms of Reference updates.

Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS)

The ANZEMC agreed that the Commonwealth will meet with NSW for further discussions and will share outcomes of proposed funding models with jurisdictions in a revised funding table by 31 October 2022 with agreement that next steps will be determined at a later date.



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[Interstate Interoperability for Public Safety Network radio users & Royal Commission Recommendations 6.3](#)

The ANZEMC agreed in principle to increase operability noting that the NSW Telco will undertake further discussions with the Commonwealth and return to members at the next meeting with an updated paper.

[Australian Defence Force and Volunteer workforce capacity](#)

The ANZEMC noted the NEMA (Au) offer to use the National Coordination Mechanism for the proactive engagement, coordination and matching of relevant non-government organisations and volunteer capabilities with support needs identified by state and territory governments in events of national significance. This mechanism does not replace engagement mechanisms at a jurisdictional level.

[Australian Defence Force \(ADF\) Protocol](#)

The ANZEMC noted the development of a protocol for requesting assistance from the Australian Defence Force during a disaster response.

[ANZEMC Terms of Reference amendments](#)

The ANZEMC members agreed to endorse the amended ANZEMC Terms of Reference to remove references to the Department of Home Affairs and replace with NEMA (Au).