

## Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee

Friday, 20 June 2025

### COMMUNIQUÉ

A meeting of the Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee (ANZEMC) was held in Melbourne on 20 June 2025.

#### **Hazard Insurance Partnership Update**

Members received an update on the Hazard Insurance Partnership meeting that was held on 12 June 2025 and work underway to put downward pressure on insurance premiums. More information on the [Hazards Insurance Partnership | NEMA](#) is available on the National Emergency Management website.

#### **National Disaster Mental Health and Wellbeing Senior Officials' Group**

Members agreed to establish the National Disaster Mental Health and Wellbeing Senior Officials' Group to support implementation of the National Disaster Mental Health and Wellbeing Framework and relevant elements of the National Mental Health Plan for Emergency Services Workers: 2024-2027.

#### **National Natural Hazards Disaster Risk Profile**

Members agreed the delivery of the National Natural Hazards Disaster Risk Profile methodology and Minimum Viable Product (MVP) completes the first phase of the ANZEMC requirement to develop a national risk profile, as agreed at the August 2023 meeting. Members recognised this will require ongoing development through continued collaboration with all jurisdictions. Members noted the finalisation of the state and territory calibration process in June 2025.

#### **Local Government Capacity Building**

Members received a briefing from the Australian Local Government Association on the role of local governments in emergency management, and the need to understand, support and strengthen their capability and capacity. Members discussed common challenges such as financial sustainability, capability and capacity, identified practical opportunities for improvement and shared case studies highlighting effective local approaches to emergency management.

#### **2025 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction**

Members received a briefing from the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), on the 2025 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2025) in Geneva from 2-6 June 2025. More than 2,500 international representatives attended GP2025 from government, the private sector and international organisations to discuss best practices in disaster risk reduction, and also consider the strategic landscape beyond the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (Sendai Framework).

#### **Los Angeles Delegation**

Members received a briefing on NEMA's participation in an Australian fire specialist delegation to California, USA. The delegation, hosted by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, engaged with officials and shared learnings about fire management strategies on the wildland-urban interface.

#### **Register.Find.Reunite Time-Limited Working Group**

Members discussed the findings of the Register.Find.Reunite Time-Limited Working Group. Members expressed their appreciation to the Australian Red Cross for the support it provides during emergencies, including via Register.Find.Reunite.

Members agreed that NEMA will coordinate with jurisdictions, through ANZEMC, to develop national registration and reunification guidelines by 30 June 2026. A number of jurisdictions noted their continued support for use of the system, whilst alternative appropriate solutions are explored.

### **New Zealand Catastrophic Plan**

Members received a briefing from the New Zealand National Emergency Management Agency on New Zealand's Catastrophic Planning Programme. Members discussed the shared impacts to New Zealand and Australia following a catastrophic crisis, including resourcing and repatriation requirements and highlighted the importance of working together on planning and exercising to strengthen the ability to respond to a catastrophic crisis.