

National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting

Wednesday, 16 July 2025

COMMUNIQUÉ

A meeting of National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting (NEMMM) was held in Darwin on 16 July 2025.

2024-25 Higher Risk Weather Season

Members reflected on lessons from the 2024-25 Higher Risk Weather Season, with a focus on cross-border challenges, key national insights, enhancing cooperation and identifying opportunities to continue to strengthen preparedness ahead of the next Higher Risk Weather Season.

Local Government Capacity Building

Members noted the Australian Local Government Association presentation, which reinforced existing Reviews, on the need to uplift the capacity and capability of local governments to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters. Ministers agreed to task the Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee (ANZEMC) to explore further opportunities for increasing local government capacity and capability for inclusion in the ANZEMC Work Plan.

Hazards Insurance Partnership Update

Members received an update on the Hazards Insurance Partnership meeting that was held on 12 June 2025. Members expressed concern about the affordability and accessibility of insurance premiums and have directed ANZEMC to undertake further work to ensure a more effective linkage between public and private risk reduction investment and reductions in insurance premiums for households. Members have an expectation that insurance premiums will reduce where risk reduction investment occurs. More information on the Hazards Insurance Partnership is available on the NEMA website.

National Natural Hazards Disaster Risk Profile

Members noted that the delivery of the National Natural Hazards Disaster Risk Profile methodology and Minimum Viable Product completes the first phase of work toward NEMMM Priority 1, to strengthen nationwide natural hazard risk. 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.

Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements – Transition of Recommendations

Members discussed progress against recommendations from the *Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements* and agreed to transition 16 recommendations to closure or into ongoing programs of work. This includes 11 recommendations assigned to Australian, state and territory governments and five recommendations assigned to state and territory governments.

National Messaging System

Members recognised the importance of the National Messaging System in enhancing emergency communications, and agreed all jurisdictions and the Australian Local Government Association will work collaboratively to support its implementation.