

National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting

Friday, 12 December 2025

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A meeting of National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting (NEMMM) was held in Canberra on 12 December 2025.

Higher Risk Weather Season Update

NEMMM members were briefed on the seasonal outlook of the upcoming Higher Risk Weather Season and NEMA's preparedness activities. Members also facilitated a discussion on jurisdictional preparations and cross border areas of focus for the upcoming HRWS.

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) provided an update to Members on the implementation of the new BOM website.

Hazards Insurance Partnership Update

Members received an update on the ongoing work of the Hazards Insurance Partnership and the work underway to put downward pressure on insurance premiums. More information on the [Hazards Insurance Partnership](#) is available on the National Emergency Management Agency website.

Disaster Ready Fund Update

Members received an update on the Disaster Ready Fund including progress of funded projects under the first two rounds and application outcomes for the most recent round.

Information on the successful projects under [Round Three](#) are available on the National Emergency Management Agency website.

National Messaging System and continuation of Emergency Alert

Members noted the joint progress made by the Australian and Victorian Governments to coordinate transition of Australia's Emergency Alert telephony-based warning system to AusAlert (formerly known as the National Messaging System) and agreed to consider an Intergovernmental Agreement for shared use of the system from 1 July 2026, with a co-funding arrangement to commence on 1 July 2027.

Members noted the update on community based trials and agreed to work collaboratively to support these trials from April 2026, including through supporting below the line messaging.

Members will continue to progress their own transition planning with a view to adopting AusAlert for a public facing implementation by 1 October 2026.

Triple-Zero Outage

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts provided Members an update on the establishment of the Triple-Zero Custodian, and on consequence management processes following Triple-Zero outages.

Emergency Services Spectrum Allocation

Members noted the increased need for Long-Term Evolution (LTE) mobile broadband capability to meet the evolving capacity and data requirements of emergency services organisations that should complement existing Land Mobile Radio. Members agreed to engage, where they consider appropriate, with the Australian Communications and Media Authority to explore opportunities to secure dedicated spectrum. Provision of dedicated spectrum is an option, amongst others such as Licence Conditions, to deliver critical LTE public safety communications, particularly in times of emergencies and disasters.

Public Safety Mobile Broadband

Members received an update on the Public Safety Mobile Broadband (PSMB) program highlighting a revised negotiated pathway with some jurisdictions to progress the PSMB program in partnership with the Australian Government.

Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements – Transition of Recommendations

Members discussed progress and finalisation of the Final Report into the implementation of the *Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements*.

National Emergency Volunteering Strategy

Members discussed progress on the development of a National Emergency Volunteering Strategy and discussed potential initiatives to strengthen emergency volunteering across Australia.