

Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee

Friday, 19 June 2026

COMMUNIQUÉ

A meeting of the Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee (ANZEMC) was held in Canberra on 19 June 2026.

Disaster Management Reform

Members discussed the proposed reforms to Australia's disaster funding arrangements and agreed to nominate a senior official to lead bilateral engagement on behalf of each jurisdiction.

National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting Priorities and ANZEMC Work Plan Refresh

Members discussed the NEMMM Priorities and ANZEMC Work Plan for 2026-27 to ensure the forums remain fit-for-purpose. They agreed to bring forward a proposal for consideration by ministers at the 22 July 2026 NEMMM.

Jurisdictions' Quick Updates

Members reflected on emerging issues and key priorities since the 20 March 2026 ANZEMC meeting and identified priority areas of focus for 2026-27. These discussions supported the exchange of best practice and drew on the collective expertise of members, helping to support national preparedness.

Australian Disaster Preparedness Framework

Members endorsed the updated Australian Disaster Preparedness Framework (2026), ensuring that the ADPF remains best practice and reflective of context changes within the emergency management sector and all-hazards environment since the original 2018 release of the ADPF.

National Principles for Disaster Recovery

Members endorsed the updated *National Principles for Disaster Recovery*, ensuring the principles remain fit-for-purpose and reflective of contemporary recovery realities and the increasingly complex disaster environment.

Public Safety Mobile Broadband

Members received an update on the Public Safety Mobile Broadband (PSMB) program highlighting that the Australian Government is progressing options with jurisdictions to deliver a national PSMB capability.

AusAlert

Member received an update on AusAlert program delivery, highlighting that Community-Based Trials are underway ahead of a National Test on 27 July 2026. Members also received an update on progress to procure Automated Voice Messaging capability, which is intended to be delivered alongside AusAlert before Emergency Alert is decommissioned in July 2027.

National Aerial Firefighting report

Members noted the draft Australian Government's response to the National Aerial Firefighting review and were invited to provide feedback.

Hazard Insurance Partnership

Members received an update on the ongoing work of the Hazards Insurance Partnership and the work underway to put downward pressure on insurance premiums, including the workplan for 2026-27 and plans for greater engagement with states and territories on insurance matters.

National Indigenous Disaster Resilience

Members noted the draft *National Indigenous Disaster Resilience Framework*, developed by Monash University's National Indigenous Disaster Resilience (NIDR) program. Members agreed to continue to provide feedback and input into the Framework.