

National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting

Wednesday, 22 July 2026

COMMUNIQUÉ

A meeting of the National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting (NEMMM) was held in Melbourne on 22 July 2026.

NEMMM Priorities and ANZEMC Work Plan 2026-27

Members discussed the NEMMM Priorities and ANZEMC Work Plan for 2026-27 to ensure the collective efforts of the group are focused on high-impact initiatives and maintain the strategic direction of the forums. They agreed the priorities are Disaster Management Reform including Risk Reduction, Strategic Capability, Community Preparedness and Workforce Capability including mental health support for emergency management workers.

Disaster Funding Reform

Members noted the engagement undertaken on the proposed Disaster Recovery Funding Framework and committed to ongoing discussions. Concerns raised by states, territories and the Australian Local Government Association in the meeting were noted.

Member Updates

Members reflected on key successes since the 30 April 2026 NEMMM 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.

AusAlert Update

Members received an update on AusAlert delivery, including successful Community-Based Trials ahead of the National Test on 27 July 2026.

National Emergency Volunteering Strategy

Ministers noted progress of the National Emergency Volunteering Strategy, including extensive national consultation and engagement across jurisdictions and sectors. Ministers supported continued collaboration to refine the Strategy and agreed on the importance of a coordinated national approach to strengthening emergency volunteering capability.

Mental Health for First Responders

Ministers from Tasmania and Victoria shared insights from innovative approaches to mental health and wellbeing support programs that are strengthening access to appropriate mental health support for first responders, including clinical and community-based support options.

Bureau of Meteorology Presentation

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) provided an update to members on the status of radars and gauges and briefed members on the key outlook for 2026-27 Higher Risk Weather Season.

Hazards Insurance Partnership Update

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

Public Safety Mobile Broadband Program Update

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