National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting

Thursday, 5 November 2026

COMMUNIQUÉ

A meeting of National Emergency Management Ministers' Meeting (NEMMM) was held virtually on 5 November 2026.

Member Updates

Members discussed jurisdictional preparations for the upcoming Higher Risk Weather Season including the recent National Preparedness Summit, held 9-10 September 2026 in Canberra and other activities that will support Australia's preparedness for the 2026-27 season.

Disaster Funding Reform

Members noted the engagement undertaken on the proposed Disaster Recovery Funding Framework and the ongoing development of the proposed reforms in collaboration with jurisdictions.

National Emergency Volunteering Strategy

Members received an update on the National Emergency Volunteering Strategy, which aims to provide a coordinated approach to strengthening emergency volunteering across Australia.

AusAlert Update

Members noted an update on AusAlert implementation and national readiness. The National Test confirmed that AusAlert is ready for use by emergency management agencies, at their discretion. Members also noted progress on national training, and secure ongoing voice messaging capability.

Carrier outage reporting and response

Ministers received an update from the Australian Government on its response to the Senate inquiry into Triple Zero service outages and the ongoing review of Triple Zero arrangements.

Hazards Insurance Partnership Update

Members welcomed an update on the Government and Industry Insurance Forum (GIIF), held on 17 September 2026, to increase engagement with jurisdictions on insurance matters. Members also noted an update on the ongoing work of the Hazards Insurance Partnership (HIP). More information on the HIP is available on the National Emergency Management Agency website.

National Indigenous Disaster Resilience Framework

Members noted the *National Indigenous Disaster Resilience Framework*, developed by the National Indigenous Disaster Resilience (NIDR) Program at Monash University, and noted that jurisdictions will consider its potential application in their respective contexts.

Royal Commission Final Report

Ministers noted progress towards publication of the Final Report on the implementation status of the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements recommendations. Ministers acknowledged that jurisdictions are progressing their respective approval processes and agreed to continue working collaboratively to support the report's release following completion of all required approvals.

Public Safety Mobile Broadband Program Update

Members received an update on the Public Safety Mobile Broadband (PSMB) program.

NEMMM Priorities and ANZEMC Work Plan 2026-27

Members noted the final NEMMM Priorities and ANZEMC Work Plan for 2026-27, focussing collective effort on fewer higher-impact deliverables that support NEMMM priorities and strengthen national emergency management outcomes.