



New South Wales State Emergency Management Committee

Meeting 92 –6 March 2014

COMMUNIQUÉ

On 6 March 2014, the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) held its first meeting for the year.

Mine Safety Presentation

A detailed presentation was given by Mr Rob Regan, Chief Inspector of Mines and Director of Mine Safety Operations with NSW Trade and Investment. He advised the Mine Safety Operations Branch is the safety regulator for the mining industry. By the end of the 2013 calendar year, the Mine Safety Operations Branch had conducted nearly 2,000 assessments regarding work health and safety.

October Bushfires

Mr Koperberg spoke in his capacity as the former Blue Mountains Recovery Coordinator, identifying that the Blue Mountains City Council has taken over the longer term components of recovery. Mr Koperberg acknowledged the work of Public Works, and the insurance industry in working through issues. Mr Koperberg also thanked the Ministry for Police and Emergency Services (particularly the Recovery Team) in coordinating the recovery centre.

A key issue Mr Koperberg identified was the significant levels of underinsurance identified by bushfire affected families, which indicates a need for more dialogue between the insurance industry and clients.

Evacuation Policy

The Evacuation Management Guidelines were endorsed. The Guidelines takes an 'All Hazards' approach and is designed to inform and enhance emergency management arrangements for evacuations during actual or forecast emergencies. The Evacuation Management Guidelines are available to assist evacuation planning at local and regional levels.

State Flood Plan and State Tsunami Plan

The NSW State Emergency Service informed SEMC Members that these documents are currently under review, and it was noted that the NSW SES has done considerable work in the review of state levels plans.

The next meeting of the State Emergency Management Committee is scheduled for 5 June 2014.