



## **Meeting 87 – 6 December 2012**

# **COMMUNIQUÉ**

On 6 December 2012, the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) held its final meeting for the year.

The SEMC was briefed on the progress of a number of projects and made some key decisions.

### **SEMC Strategic Review**

A strategic review process was endorsed by the Committee to discuss the question “Where do we want NSW to be with emergency management in five years time?”. The outcome will be the development of a strategic agenda for the SEMC.

### **Endorsement of sub plans**

Three sub plans were endorsed by the Committee and will shortly be available at <http://www.mpes.nsw.gov.au/> :

- NSW Hazardous Materials/Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Emergency Plan
- Biosecurity Emergency Sub Plan (Animal and Plant)
- NSW State Waters Marine Oil and Chemical Spill Contingency Plan

### **NSW Emergency Risk Management Framework**

The Committee noted that a NSW Emergency Risk Management Framework is being developed. The framework will promote the formal integration of emergency risk management outcomes with the planning undertaken by local government and other risk managers.

### **Australian Emergency Management Assistance Team**

The Committee noted that Emergency Management Assistance Team members are available for deployment during the 2012/13 summer season. The Emergency Management Assistance Team comprises practitioners who have an awareness of emergency management arrangements across the country and could be deployed rapidly to an impacted jurisdiction to assist local staff in planning and coordination roles.

### **Strategic Training Review**

The Committee noted that the Strategic Training Review will be conducted in two phases. The first phase will include a Strategic Training Needs Analysis alongside a review of current emergency management courses and eLearning options for introductory courses. The second phase will consider further development of common emergency management capability on NSW.

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### **NSW Urban Levees Review Project**

The Committee noted the progress of the NSW Urban Levees Review Project. The project will develop an updated NSW Levees Review Database containing information on existing levees.

### **Community Engagement Stakeholders Group**

The Committee noted that the Ministry for Police and Emergency Services has established a Community Stakeholder Group to operate as an expert panel to drive coordinated development of community engagement approaches within the NSW emergency management sector.

### **National Emergency Management Activities**

An update on work being done at a national level was provided to the Committee.

The Commonwealth is progressing work on a review of the tax concessions and charitable status of funds for disaster relief.

Stakeholder consultations are currently underway for the National Disaster Resilience Community Engagement Framework which is expected to be completed in 2013.

### **Agency, Functional Area and Working Group Reports**

The Committee was also updated on the activities of emergency service agencies, functional areas and a number of Working Groups.

*The next meeting of the State Emergency Management Committee is scheduled for 7 March 2013.*

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