New South Wales
State Emergency Management Committee

Meeting 99 – 3 December 2015
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The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) held its final scheduled meeting of the year on 3 December 2015.

A late change to the scheduled availability of some members resulted in a number of items being discussed by exception only.

Discontinuation of Telstra Displan Lines
Mr Peter Marks, the Telecommunications Functional Area Coordinator provided advice on one implication to the roll out of National Broadband Network (NBN) throughout Australia, notably that Telstra will not be able to continue to provide sponsored DISPLAN Lines in NBN enabled areas after 31 March 2016.

The SEMC endorsed raising the issue at the Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee (ANZEMC), to ensure other jurisdictions were aware, given the national implications of the roll out of NBN.

Emergency Alert
SEMC members were informed that the Victoria Department of Justice will develop a Strategy Paper for the future of Emergency Alert, which the Office of Emergency Management will circulate to all SEMC members. It will examine jurisdictional usage, procurement and future business models.

NSW Levee Summary Report
Following the 2012 Floods, an audit was undertaken of 115 urban levees within NSW. A third of these were found to be in poor condition and a third found to be in satisfactory condition.

The SEMC supported further funding being supplied via the Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) to support a Levee Support Program. It was made clear that the funding support was not a guarantee of funding being provided.

Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP)
The SEMC agreed that the allocation of future funding under the NDRP would be aligned to the thematic areas identified by the ANZEMC, to ensure that they reflect national emergency management priorities.

The SEMC also agreed to a strategy to manage unallocated or unspent funds from the 2013 National Partnership Agreement.

The State Emergency Management Committee is scheduled to next meet on 3 March 2016.

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