

Meeting 96 – 5 March 2015

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The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) met on 5 March 2015.

Emergency Management Operations System (EMOS)

A presentation was provided on the Emergency Management Operations System (EMOS). The EMOS project is jointly sponsored by the Ministry for Police & Emergency Services and NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) having been endorsed at SEMC 92 in March 2014. A Regional Emergency Management Officer (REMO) was also involved in the development of the project to act as a subject matter expert.

This system will significantly enhance the preparation for, response to and recovery from emergencies anywhere across the State. The system will allow for agencies across the State to view and share information using web based technology.

National Review of Warnings and Information

A presentation was provided on the draft National Review of Warnings and Information. The National Review of Warnings and Information was conducted in 2014. The project was managed by Emergency Management Victoria and partner agencies across the country, including the NSW Rural Fire Service.

The review was initiated to examine warnings and information dissemination across all hazards, particularly in light of significant changes to bush fire alerts and warnings following the 2009 Victorian Black Saturday fires and subsequent Royal Commission.

The Final Report will be released following endorsement by the Australian New-Zealand Emergency Management Committee (ANZEMC) in March 2015.

Emergency Risk Management

A presentation was provided on emergency risk management in relation to the Hawkesbury-Nepean Flood region. The Hawkesbury-Nepean Flood Plan has been developed to assist with the prevention of future flood risk and is currently being reviewed.

Martin Place Siege

The joint Australian Government and NSW Government report on the Martin Place Siege can be found on the following website below:

http://www.dpmpc.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/170215_Martin_Place_Siege_Review_1.pdf

Outcomes of the Hawkesbury Nepean June Exercise

The report from the Hawkesbury-Nepean Flood Emergency Sub Plan exercise was endorsed by the Committee.

Its aim was to enable the NSW SES, other emergency services and the key functional areas to work through the critical aspects of preparedness, response strategies and response and recovery operations of a major flood in the Hawkesbury Nepean River Valley.

Behavioural Insights

A presentation was provided on behavioural insights. Behavioural Insights draws on research and empirical evidence from behavioural economics, social sciences and psychology to influence choices in decision-making. By understanding how people respond to different contexts and incentives, the Behavioural Insights Unit assists Government to design and implement better policies and services. The spectrum of activities in emergency management presents a number of challenges centred on encouraging specific behaviours from members of the public, especially those exposed to high risk of the effects of natural disasters.

Seasonal Outlook

BOM provided the current status of the weather patterns, with expected impacts over the coming months.

Mine Sub Plan

The Mine Sub Plan is available on the Ministry for Police and Emergency Service website under publications.

NSW State Flood and Tsunami Plans

The State Flood and Tsunami Plans are available on the Ministry for Police and Emergency Service website under publications.

Sydney & North Sydney Central Business Districts Evacuation Management Sub Plan

The Sydney & North Sydney Central Business Districts Evacuation Management Sub Plan is available on the Ministry for Police and Emergency Service website under publications.

The State Emergency Management Committee is scheduled to next meet on 4 June 2015.