



New South Wales State Emergency Management Committee

Meeting 89 –20 June 2013

COMMUNIQUÉ

On 20 June 2013, the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) conducted a Strategic Planning Day to essentially consider how the SEMC operates, and how it could be improved for the future.

The SEMC considered a range of topics, and agreed to include one meeting per year as a desktop exercise. It was also agreed that Local Government NSW would be invited to join the SEMC to enable the SEMC to access the operational expertise of local councils. Some of the other issues covered are identified below.

All Hazards All Agencies

The cross-agency deployment of personnel into Incident Management Teams was considered, and a gap analysis will be conducted by a newly formed Implementation Group for quality assurance purposes.

Integrated Emergency Management Exercise Program

An SEMC Emergency Management Exercise Sub Committee will be formed to develop an exercise calendar to improve inter-agency participation and to also ensure that some of the lesser-exercised issues are covered. These might include recovery and consequence management.

Multi-Agency Emergency Management Training

The Ministry for Police and Emergency Services has reviewed much of the course content of current training, and is moving towards an online environment. Multi-Agency training is also being considered.

Functional Areas

The Functional Areas identified a number of concerns unique to their circumstances concerning their role. The Chair agreed to meet with them separately to further discuss the details.

Recovery Capability

The SEMC approved the establishment of a multi-agency working group to develop a NSW Recovery Strategy.

The next meeting of the State Emergency Management Committee is scheduled for 12 September 2013.

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