

## Meeting 102 – 8 September 2016

### COMMUNIQUÉ

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) held its 102<sup>nd</sup> meeting on 8 September 2016.

#### **Emergency Management and Disaster Resilience Review**

A workshop focused on reviewing emergency management and disaster resilience arrangements in NSW was held in August 2016 with SEMC members and other identified Government agency representatives. Terms of Reference and a timeline for reform were presented to members for consideration. The Office of Emergency Management will develop an implementation plan for consideration by the SEMC.

#### **Evacuation Decision Making Guidelines for Private Health and Residential Care Facilities**

NSW Health received funding from the NSW State Emergency Management Projects under the National Partnership Agreement on Natural Disaster Resilience to develop a guideline and decision making algorithm to assist Private Health and Residential Aged Care Facilities to better prepare for emergencies. The SEMC endorsed the guidelines.

#### **Emergency Risk Management (ERM)**

The last risk assessment in NSW was conducted in 2011/12, which focused on natural hazards. A new sub-committee will be established to look at human issues, such as epidemics. Workshops to commence this work have already begun. Final documents will go to SEMC and the NSW Government for approval. A scoping study will be brought to the December 2016 SEMC meeting; new arrangements will be delivered by June 2017.

#### **Emergency Operations Centre Implementation Plan**

A Strategic Review of Emergency Operations Centres was endorsed by the SEMC in March 2015. The review concluded with a report that made thirty-two recommendations across the areas of governance, contemporary EOC requirements, funding and quality assurance. Members endorsed a Project Implementation Plan. A steering committee will be formed and an update provided at the next SEMC.

#### **Learning Framework for NSW Emergency Management**

The Training Advisory Group (TAG) has endorsed a framework to implement more efficient learning and development across the sector. Members approved the TAG to implement a five year strategic work program. Regular updates will be provided to SEMC.

#### **National Partnership Agreement (SEMP) applications**

On 9 May 2016, the Premier signed the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Natural Disaster Resilience. The Implementation Plan allocated funding under five key areas. In anticipation of approval of the Implementation Plan, applications were called for SEMP on 2 June 2016. Twenty-seven applications were received and assessed by representatives of the State Mitigation Sub-Committee. The SEMC endorsed the list of SEMP applications recommended for funding by the State Mitigation Sub-Committee.

**East Coast Low including Recovery Coordinators Report**

Members noted the State Recovery Co-ordinator's draft report on the event with seven recommendations based on observations and experience during the recovery operations. An update on the implementation of the recommendations will be provided at the next meeting.

**Pre-Season Briefing 2016**

Following the SEMC meeting, SEMC and Emergency Management Australia (EMA) held an annual pre-season briefing to discuss State-based emergency preparedness activities. Briefings were provided by the EMA, Bureau of Meteorology, Geoscience Australia, Australian Defence Force, NSW State Emergency Service and NSW Rural Fire Service.

The briefing provided a disaster season outlook for summer 2016/17, noting the resources available and preparation that has already been undertaken by emergency service agencies.

*The State Emergency Management Committee will next meet on 1 December 2016.*