



Meeting 94 – 17 September 2014

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The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) met on 17 September 2014.

The SEMC approved an Asbestos Emergency Plan and the Engineering Services Functional Area Supporting Plan. The SEMC also received an update on the progress of the CBD Emergency Plan.

Emergency Markers Business Case

Mr Des Mooney General Manager of Land & Property Information attended the meeting to seek endorsement of the revised NSW Emergency Marker Program Business Case. The Emergency Marker Program provides a single, coordinated program for the provision of signage in locations that are otherwise difficult to identify.

The SEMC endorsed the business case, noting that it is an 'opt in' program. The next step will be to seek Government approval and funding to support the implementation of the program over the next five years.

Mines Presentation

The SEMC was informed that a Mines Sub Plan is being developed, which will work in conjunction with the arrangements of the *State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989* and the State Emergency Management Plan. The Mines Sub Plan is currently being drafted, and is planned to be presented to the December 2014 SEMC meeting for endorsement.

Review of Local Emergency Management Plans

A new Local Emergency Management Plan Guidelines and supporting templates were endorsed. The new templates have been developed with consultation with regional, rural and metro Local Emergency Management Committees, as well as with the Regional Emergency Management Officers.

Impact Assessment Project

An Impact Assessment Framework was approved to be trialled during the 2014-15 summer. The Impact Assessment Framework looks to facilitate inter-agency coordination and collation of impact assessment data. The Framework looks to integrate with current internal arrangements agency's have for the collection of data.

Education and Communities

Members agreed to invite the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) to become a member of the SEMC. This recognises the existing engagement individual agencies have with DEC, and will also ensure that there is appropriate engagement with the education sector when developing recovery strategies.

Pre-season preparedness

Members discussed the significant preparedness work that combat agencies have conducted prior to the 2014-2015 Summer, noting the consistent and high-quality advice that is being provided by the Bureau of Meteorology, to the SEMC-Member agencies.

The State Emergency Management Committee is scheduled to next meet on 4 December 2014.