

Australian Capital Territory Implementation Plan

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. This Implementation Plan is a schedule to the National Partnership Agreement on Disaster Risk Reduction and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement.
2. The objective in the National Partnership is to proactively reduce the risk and limit the impact of disasters associated with natural hazards on Australian communities and economies.
3. The initiative will deliver on the priorities, five-year outcomes and 2030 goals of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework (NDRRF) across Australia's built, social, natural and economic environments. It aims to reduce existing disaster risk, minimise the creation of future disaster risk and equip decision-makers with the capabilities and information needed to reduce disaster risk and manage residual risk.

PART 2: TERMS OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

4. This Implementation Plan will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth of Australia, represented by the Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management, and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), represented by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.
5. As a schedule to the National Partnership Agreement on Disaster Risk Reduction, the purpose of this Implementation Plan is to provide the public with an indication of how the project is intended to be delivered and demonstrate the ACT's capacity to achieve the outcomes of the National Partnership.
6. This Implementation Plan will cease on completion or termination of the National Partnership, including final performance reporting and processing of final payments against performance milestones.
7. This Implementation Plan may be varied by written agreement between the Commonwealth and State Ministers responsible for it under the overarching National Partnership.
8. The Parties to this Implementation Plan do not intend any of the provisions to be legally enforceable. However, that does not lessen the Parties' commitment to the plan and its full implementation.

PART 3: STRATEGY FOR AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY IMPLEMENTATION

Project information

9. The NPA and NDRRF are specifically intended to support the ACT to proactively reduce the risk of natural disasters by taking action to address the causes of disaster risk. The Territory has identified six core project elements that will address the NDRRF priorities to focus on natural disaster risk reduction.
10. The project elements planned are:
 - (1) **Governance:** Establish a Governance structure to include project application, approval, reporting, monitoring and evaluation and ongoing administration function;
 - (2) **Risk understanding and treatment:** Refresh the ACT's *Territory Wide Risk Assessment 2017* to add greater focus on natural disaster risk reduction opportunities within the ACT and the community and target investment towards activities that address these risks.
 - (3) **Risk information and data sharing:** invest in activities that increase the knowledge and data about risk, including the national data intelligence project.
 - (4) **Community awareness and resilience:** enhance community awareness and resilience to disaster risk through targeting education and resilience building activities.
 - (5) **Reducing natural disaster risks to critical infrastructure (CI):** understand how natural disaster risks may impact critical infrastructure and review and update the ACT's arrangements for managing critical infrastructure and support the hardening of the ACT's CI to reduce/mitigate the risks from natural disaster impacts.
 - (6) **Collaboration and partnerships:** Invest in activities that support collaboration between governments, the private sector and communities at a national, state, region and local levels to better understand and reduce disaster risks.

The elements identified above are very broad in nature and will allow the ACT flexibility to deliver individual projects within these elements in the out years which will meet the outputs and outcomes of the NPA.

Estimated costs

11. The maximum financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth for the project to the jurisdiction is \$5.22 million payable in accordance with milestones set out in the National Partnership. All payments are exclusive of GST.
12. The estimated overall budget (exclusive of GST) is set out in Table 1, noting that the Collaboration and partnerships element has not been allocated a budget to date. The budget is indicative only and the ACT retains the flexibility to move funds between components and/or years, as long as outcomes are not affected. The Commonwealth contribution can only be moved between years with the agreement of the Commonwealth.

Table 1: Estimated financial contributions

(\$ million)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Governance	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.300
Risk understanding and treatment	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	2.500
Risk information and data sharing	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	1.000
Community awareness and resilience	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.290	1.450
Critical infrastructure resilience	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	5.190
Collaboration and partnerships	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Total estimated budget	2.088	2.088	2.088	2.088	2.088	10.440
less estimated Commonwealth contribution equals estimated balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	1.044	1.044	1.044	1.044	1.044	5.220
Total Commonwealth contribution	1.044	1.044	1.044	1.044	1.044	5.220

Program logic

13. The project elements detailed in this Implementation Plan will achieve the outcomes and objectives stated in the National Partnership by implementing a program of disaster risk reduction activities to address natural hazard risks identified in the ACT.
14. These elements will align to the following NDRRF priorities as indicated in Table 2 below.
 - Priority 1: understanding disaster risk;
 - Priority 2: accountable decision-making across all sectors to respond to immediate and long-term disaster risk and actively manage the potential creation or exacerbation of disaster risk
 - Priority 3: enhanced investment in disaster risk reduction to build resilience, and
 - Priority 4: transparent, sustainable and accountable governance, ownership and responsibility for disaster risk management.

Table 2: Program logic

Project Elements	Alignment against NDRRF Priorities	Example Projects
Governance	Priority 1 Priority 2 Priority 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen the role of the ACT state crisis committee to prioritise and oversight investment in natural disaster risk reduction activities.
Risk understanding and treatment	Priority 1 Priority 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refresh the ACT's <i>Territory Wide Risk Assessment 2017</i> to help guide and inform decision makers about natural disaster risks
Risk information and data sharing	Priority 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in activities that increase the knowledge and data about natural disaster risks
Community awareness and resilience	Priority 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use existing and new mechanisms to inform the community about natural disaster risks and how these can be measured
Critical infrastructure resilience	Priority 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand how natural disaster risks may impact critical infrastructure. Implement mitigations to reduce natural disaster risks and impacts to the ACT CI (power and telecommunications redundancy) thus reducing the risk to the community.
Collaboration and partnerships	Priority 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support a national mechanism, through the Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee to oversee and guide disaster risk reduction Participation in relevant national fora Cross ACT/NSW collaboration on disaster risk reduction

Risk management

- Risk will be managed in line with AS/ISO 31000:2018 Risk Management Standards and Guidelines. An overarching risk management plan will be prepared at the Governance level and reviewed regularly and risk registers for individual projects within the elements will be prepared as part of the application and approval process and will be monitored throughout the project life cycle.

Relevant State Context

16. In developing this Implementation Plan consideration has been given to the ACT's context. Key factors that have influenced the proposed direction are:
- (a) The ACT is a small and well-planned jurisdiction that remains relatively free of significant natural disasters. Excluding a reassessment of human epidemic and infectious disease, bushfires and heatwaves remain as the ACT's main natural disaster risks.
 - (b) As a single tier jurisdiction with responsibilities for state and local government functions, the ACT is in a unique position to develop and implement policy and operational measures that reduce disaster risk to the ACT.
 - (c) The ACT sits within Southern NSW. Adopting collaborative and cross-border approaches to reducing natural disaster risks will be considered throughout the life of this agreement.
 - (d) Under the former National Disaster Resilience Program, the ACT and Australian governments progressed a wide range of measures that reduce disaster risk and build resilience.
 - (e) The significant Orroral Valley bushfire in January and February 2020 provides the opportunity for the ACT to examine opportunities to build back better with the aim of reducing natural disaster risk.
 - (f) The ACT notes its role as the seat of government. Reducing the impact of natural disaster risk on the ACT's critical infrastructure is proposed to be a focus for this partnership agreement.
 - (g) The ACT is fully self-insured, and this reduces the reliance of the ACT on Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.
 - (h) The ACT has completed or continues to work on a range of jurisdiction level projects or reforms that complement this Implementation Plan.

Sign off

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this agreement as follows:

Signature 

Date 2/6/2020

Mr Mick Gentleman MLA
Minister for Police and Emergency Services



Signature

Date 12.6.20

The Hon David Littleproud MP
Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management