

South Australian 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 (the Agreement) and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement.
2. The objective of the Agreement is to proactively reduce the risk and limit the impact of disasters associated with natural hazards on Australian communities and economies.
3. The Agreement will deliver on the priorities, five-year outcomes and 2030 goals of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework 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 South Australia, represented by the Minister for Emergency Services.
5. As a schedule to the Agreement, 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 South Australia's capacity to achieve the outcomes of the Agreement.
6. This Implementation Plan will cease on completion or termination of the Agreement, 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 Agreement.
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 Implementation Plan and its full implementation.

PART 3: STRATEGY FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S IMPLEMENTATION

Project information

9. The project streams for the South Australian Disaster Risk Reduction Grants Program will align with the objectives and priorities of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework and are identified in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Project streams

No.	Title (Streams)	Short description	Dependent on streams
1	Leadership, Grants Administration and Project Support ¹	The South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) will undertake a strategic leadership role in implementing the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework in South Australia. This will be achieved by coordinating broad/whole-of-state multi-hazard risk reduction and resilience building initiatives to support shared responsibility across State and local governments and the non-government sector. Under this stream SAFECOM will also ensure compliance with administration and reporting requirements, monitor the grant program streams, and provide support to the State Assessment Panel and projects to ensure that the key objectives and outcomes of the Agreement are met.	2,3,4,5
2	Innovation – Seed Funding in partnership with Future Industries Exchange for Entrepreneurship (FIXE)	In partnership with FIXE, the Innovation – Seed Funding Stream will support activities that align to priorities and outcomes identified in the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework and related elements in other key Strategic Documents. ² Within that broad scope, challenges or problems identified from within the emergency management sector will be identified, with agencies/organisations invited to submit proposals to address these challenges. Successful seed funded innovation projects may be eligible to apply in subsequent funding rounds under Stream 3 Innovation - Scaling up.	N/A

3	Innovation - Scaling Up	The Innovation – Scaling Up Stream is designed to build on the outputs of Stream 2. Seed funded projects with demonstrated merit in the disaster risk reduction space will have the opportunity to scale-up or build upon the established innovation on a broader community or systems level.	2
4	State Strategic Projects	The State Strategic Project Stream will assist the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) to progress priorities and intended outcomes identified in the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework and related objectives identified in key strategic documents. ² Supported initiatives will be strategic in nature and most efficiently conducted at a state-level to deliver sustainable disaster risk reduction benefits across a range of hazards.	N/A
5	Disaster Risk Reduction Grants	The Disaster Risk Reduction Grants Stream will fund projects that align with, and progress the priorities and outcomes identified in the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework and related elements of other key strategic documents ² that demonstrate sustainable outcomes.	N/A

1. Leadership, Grants Administration and Project Support
Comprises 3 FTEs: 1 FTE to lead implementation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework in SA. 2 FTEs to administer the South Australian Disaster Risk Reduction Grants Program, provide executive support to the State Assessment Panel, general project support, ensure compliance and address internal and external audit enquiries.

2. Strategic documents: Refer to Program Logic (14).

Estimated costs

10. The maximum financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth for the project to South Australia is \$8.352m payable in accordance with milestones set out in the Agreement. All payments are exclusive of GST.
11. South Australia considered a range of options to accommodate the delay in establishment of the Agreement and has decided to conduct a four-year program to align with the Agreement expiry date of 30 June 2024.
12. The estimated overall budget (exclusive of GST) is set out in Table 2. The budget is indicative only and South Australia retains the flexibility to move funds between streams 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 2: Estimated financial contributions

Stream (\$ million)	Year 1* 2019-20	Year 2* 2020-21	Year 3 2021-22	Year 4 2022-23	Year 5 2023-24	Total
Leadership, Administration & Project Support		0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	1.2

Innovation - seed funding		0.675	0.3375	0.3375	-	1.35
Innovation - scaling up		-	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0
State Strategic Projects		2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0
Disaster Risk Reduction Grants		3.7096	0.8148	0.8148	0.8148	6.154
Total estimated budget		6.6846	3.4523	3.4523	3.1148	16.704
less estimated Commonwealth contribution	1.6704	1.6704	1.6704	1.6704	1.6704	8.352
equals estimated balance of non-Commonwealth contributions ³		3.3438	1.7819	1.7819	1.4444	8.352
Total Commonwealth contribution	1.6704	1.6704	1.6704	1.6704	1.6704	8.352

3. Non-Government Contributions

Commonwealth funds of \$1.6704m per annum will be partially matched through South Australian Government funding of \$1.27m per annum (indexed) over the term of the Agreement. The balance of South Australia's required contribution will be via cash and/or in-kind contributions from grant recipients.

* SA will combine Year 1 and Year 2 funding to conduct a large first grant round in year 2 i.e. 2020-2021. This will comprise Commonwealth contributions of 2 x \$1.6704m plus State contribution of 2 x \$1.27m with the balance of the matched funding requirement provided by cash and/or in-kind contributions from grant recipients.

Program logic

13. The objective, outcomes and outputs of the Agreement will be achieved by implementing a program of disaster risk reduction activities to address natural hazard risks identified in State, regional or local risk assessments and the following priorities of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework:
 - a. understanding disaster risk;
 - b. 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;
 - c. enhanced investment in disaster risk reduction to build resilience; and
 - d. transparent, sustainable and accountable governance, ownership and responsibility for disaster risk management.

14. Disaster risk reduction-related elements of the following key documents will also be strategic drivers for the conduct of the South Australian Disaster Risk Reduction Grants Program in South Australia:
 - The National Strategy for Disaster Resilience (2011)
 - *Stronger Together: South Australia's Disaster Resilience Strategy 2019-2024*
 - State Strategic Risk Assessment (State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) 2019)
 - South Australia's Across Government Climate Change Strategy (to be finalised 2020)
 - SEMC's Strategic Plan 2017-2022

15. SAFECOM will utilise total funds from the Agreement to conduct the South Australian Disaster Risk Reduction Grants Program on behalf of the Commonwealth Minister responsible for emergency management and the South Australian Minister for Emergency Services.

16. Consistent with the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework, approved initiatives will demonstrate South Australia's commitment to collective and integrated action across State and local government, the not-for-profit, education and business sectors, and the broader community to reduce existing and future disaster risk.
17. Approved initiatives will be implemented to deliver sustainable benefits across a range of hazards and geographic areas.

Risk management

18. Risks have been identified and where relevant added to the SAFECOM risk register.
19. To maintain the independent function and integrity of the assessment process, all project applications will be subject to a two-stage approval process.
20. Financial accountability will be maintained by compliance with South Australian State Government Treasurer's Instruction 15 "Grant Funding".

Relevant State Context


21. In developing this Implementation Plan, consideration has been given to the South Australian context. Key factors that have influenced the proposed direction are:
 - a) Historically, South Australia has experienced natural disasters on a smaller and less frequent scale than many parts of Australia. However, as the driest state in the country South Australia is prone to bushfire and extreme heat events. Exceptional events such as the 2016 extreme weather event which resulted in the state-wide blackout, the 2019-20 Bushfires and the Covid-19 pandemic have brought the importance of increased strategic investment in disaster risk reduction sharply into focus in South Australia.
 - b) *Stronger Together*, SA's first Disaster Resilience Strategy was endorsed in late 2019. Developed with broad input from across State and local government, NGOs, businesses and community members, *Stronger Together* identifies four key focus areas which contribute to a more resilient state: neighbourhoods and communities, small business, children and young people, and strategic and connected networks.

Sign off

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

Signature  Date 11/6/20

The Hon Corey Wingard MP
Minister for Police, Emergency Services, Correctional Services, Recreation, Sport and Racing

 Date 22.6.20

Signature _____ Date _____

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