

# Implementation Plan for the Queensland Natural Disaster Resilience Program 2011-12

## NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON NATURAL DISASTER RESILIENCE

### PRELIMINARIES

1. The Implementation Plan is created subject to the provisions of the National Partnership Agreement on Natural Disaster Resilience (the Agreement) and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement. The objective of the Agreement is Australian communities that are resilient to natural disasters.

### TERMS OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

2. This Implementation Plan will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth of Australia, represented by the Attorney-General, and the State of Queensland represented by the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services or the Director-General Department of Community Safety.
3. This Implementation Plan will cease on completion of the program as specified in this Implementation Plan, including the acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payments against project milestones specified in this Implementation Plan.
4. This Implementation Plan may be varied by written agreement between the Ministers or the authorised delegates.
5. Either Party may terminate this agreement by providing 30 days notice in writing. Where this Implementation Plan is terminated, the Commonwealth's liability to make payments to the State is limited to payments associated with project milestones achieved by the State by the date of effect of termination of this Implementation Plan.
6. 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 this Implementation Plan.

### PROJECT OBJECTIVE

7. The objective in this Implementation Plan is to reduce Queensland communities' vulnerability to natural hazards by supporting local governments and other stakeholders such as volunteer organisations to build resilience to the effects of natural disasters.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Role of the Commonwealth

8. The Commonwealth is responsible for reviewing Queensland's performance against the project measures specified in this Implementation Plan and providing any consequential financial contribution to the State for that performance.

### Role of the State

9. The State is responsible for all aspects of project implementation, including:
  - (a) fully funding the program, after accounting for financial contributions from the Commonwealth and any third party;
  - (b) selection of suitable projects that meet the program criteria;
  - (c) ensuring that individual projects are completed in a timely and professional manner in accordance with this Implementation Plan; and
  - (d) meeting all conditions including providing reports in accordance with this Implementation Plan.

## PROJECT MILESTONES AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

10. The maximum financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth for the project is \$5,919,510 payable in accordance with project milestones set out in Table 1. All payments are exclusive of GST.

Table 1: Project milestones and associated payments

Project milestones	Due date	Amount
(i) Agreement to the Implementation Plan by the Ministers or authorised delegates of each jurisdiction	Expected by <i>August 7</i> <i>2012</i>	\$2,959,755.00
(ii) Final completion and end of performance evaluation activities and provision of the final report	Expected by <i>March 31</i> <i>2012</i>	\$2,959,755.00

11. Any Commonwealth financial contribution payable will be processed by the Commonwealth Treasury and paid to the State Treasury in accordance with the payment arrangements set out in Schedule D of the *Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations*.

## BUDGET

12. The overall project budget is set out in Table 2.

Table 2: Overall project budget

(\$ million)	2011-12
(iii) Allocation for the competitive funds*	\$10,283,325
(iv) Allocation for the strategic fund*	\$2,107,295
Total estimated project budget	\$12,390,620
<i>less</i> estimated Commonwealth contribution	\$5,919,510
<i>equals</i> estimated contribution from non-Commonwealth sources	\$6,471,110*

Notes:

\* Includes funding carried over from the 2010-11 funding round.

13. Having regard to the estimated costs of projects specified in the overall project budget, the State will not be required to pay a refund to the Commonwealth if the actual cost of the project is less than the agreed estimated cost of the project. Similarly, the State bears all risk should the costs of a project exceed the estimated costs. The Parties acknowledge that this arrangement provides the maximum incentive for the State to deliver projects cost-effectively and efficiently.

## REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

14. The State will, no later than 30 days after approval by the Minister, provide the list of approved projects to the Commonwealth, through the Attorney-General's Department, including the following information:

- (a) the organisation being funded;
- (b) the location of activity, including the federal electorate, where relevant;
- (c) total approved funding;
- (d) a brief description of activity; and
- (e) the period of funding.

15. The final report is due on 31 March 2012 or within 60 Business Days of the completion of the project or termination of this Implementation Plan.

16. The final report will contain the following information

- (a) a description of actual performance of the State of each individual project identified in paragraph 14 above;
- (b) describe the conduct, benefits and outcomes of the project as a whole;

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- (c) evaluate the project, including assessing the extent to which the objective in this Implementation Plan has been achieved and explaining why any aspects were not achieved;
- (d) include a discussion of any other matters relating to the project, which the Commonwealth notifies the State should be included in the final project report at least 30 days before it is due; and
- (e) promotional activities undertaken in relation to and media coverage of, the project during the reporting period.