

# South Australia Implementation Plan – 2012-13

## NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON NATURAL DISASTER RESILIENCE

### Part 1: Preliminaries

1. This Implementation Plan is a schedule to the National Partnership Agreement on Natural Disaster Resilience and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement. The objective in the National Partnership is to strengthen Australian communities' resilience to natural disasters.
2. In South Australia, the State Emergency Management Committee has developed a Plan to assist and guide implementation of the *National Strategy for Disaster Resilience*. This is called the *National Strategy for Disaster Resilience – South Australia Implementation Plan*. The Plan aligns to the *National Implementation Plan* and is also an assurance tool to ensure resilience practices are embedded in the South Australian environment.
3. This Implementation Plan reflects how South Australia is adopting a strategic approach by linking the *National Strategy for Disaster Resilience* with state risk priorities.

### 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 Emergency Management and the State of South Australia, represented by the Minister for Emergency Services.
5. As a schedule to the National Partnership, the purpose of this Implementation Plan is to outline how the 2012-13 South Australian Natural Disaster Resilience Program is intended to be delivered and demonstrate South Australia'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 the acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payments against performance benchmarks or milestones.
7. This Implementation Plan may be varied by written agreement between the Commonwealth Minister and the State Minister 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 South Australian implementation

### Project information

9. The *National Strategy for Disaster Resilience* is a key consideration in the delivery of this Implementation Plan. In particular, it recognises the shared responsibility of governments, business, community leaders, the not-for-profit sector and educational institutions to improve disaster resilience. In this context, the definition of 'eligible applicant' has been broadened in 2012-13 to include business and the research sector who in previous years were required to submit an application through a state or local government sponsor agency.
10. The 2012-13 Natural Disaster Resilience Program has established the following strategic priorities:
  - (a) progress key priorities outlined in the *National Disaster Resilience Strategy* and the *National Disaster Resilience Strategy - South Australia Implementation Plan*;
  - (b) progress development and integration of the South Australian Emergency Risk Management Framework in South Australia to enable a better understanding of emergency risks and to inform risk treatment priorities;
  - (c) implement initiatives for attracting, supporting and retaining emergency management volunteers; and
  - (d) implement programs that identify and address the needs of vulnerable people in an emergency management context.
11. The following program of activities will support the strategic priorities.

#### **(a) State Strategic Projects**

State Strategic projects will assist the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) to address state significant priority objectives identified in the *National Disaster Resilience Strategy - South Australia Implementation Plan*. Specific projects funded through this program will be deemed by the SEMC as most efficiently conducted on a state basis to deliver benefits across the range of priority hazards.

#### **(b) Natural Disaster Resilience Grant Scheme (NDRGS)**

The NDRGS is a competitive grants program that funds projects designed to enhance South Australia's resilience to natural disasters and other hazards identified in emergency risk assessments. All projects submitted to the NDRGS must align to strategic priorities of the *National Strategy for Disaster Resilience*:

- (i) leading change and coordinating effort;
- (ii) understanding risks;
- (iii) communicating with and educating people about risks;
- (iv) partnering with those who effect change;
- (v) empowering individuals and communities to exercise choice and take responsibility;
- (vi) reducing risk to the built environment;
- (vii) supporting capabilities for disaster resilience; and

(viii) increase our capacity to respond to, and recovery from disasters.

A caveat will be applied for all flood modelling and mapping projects to comply with guidelines and standards set by the relevant state agencies, including agreement to publish emergency risk assessments.

### **(c) Emergency Management Volunteer Support Scheme (EMVSS)**

The EMVSS is a competitive grant program that funds projects designed to enhance the attraction, support and retention of volunteers to support emergency management.

The EMVSS will support priorities identified in the National Action Plan for the Attraction, Support and Retention of Emergency Management Volunteers.

Key priorities identified in the National Action Plan are:

- (i) enhance leadership training to support emergency management volunteers;
- (ii) develop alternative learning approaches for emergency management volunteers;
- (iii) resourcing emergency management volunteers in both response and recovery to effectively perform their duties;
- (iv) increase community awareness of the role and value of emergency management volunteers;
- (v) enhance youth participation in emergency management volunteering; and
- (vi) harness the willingness and resources of spontaneous volunteers.

### **Estimated costs**

- 12. The maximum financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth for the project to South Australia is \$2,088,000 payable in accordance with the financial arrangements set out in Part 5 of the National Partnership. All payments are exclusive of GST.
- 13. The estimated overall budget (exclusive of GST) is set out in Table 1. The budget is indicative only and South Australia 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**

<b>Program elements and contributions</b>	<b>Funds</b>
State Strategic Projects	\$611,960
Natural Disaster Resilience Grant Scheme	\$2,150,040
Emergency Management Volunteer Support Scheme	\$310,000
Natural Disaster Resilience Program Administration	\$60,000
Total estimated budget	\$3,132,000
<i>less</i> estimated Commonwealth contribution	\$2,088,000

equals estimated balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	\$1,044,000
<b>Total Commonwealth 2012-13 contribution</b>	<b>\$2,088,000</b>
Plus 2011-12 Commonwealth carryover to be applied*	\$171,000

\* 2011-12 Commonwealth carryover funds to be matched by state contributions in accordance with requirements of the *National Partnership Agreement on Natural Disaster Resilience*. Additional applied state match funds to be included in Annual Report (March 2013).

### Program logic

14. The project elements detailed in this Implementation Plan will achieve the outcomes and objectives stated in the National Partnership Agreement by recognising and supporting:
- (a) measures to address strategic state priorities identified in the *National Strategy for Disaster Resilience - South Australia Implementation Plan*;
  - (b) the central place of risk assessments to inform state mitigation priorities;
  - (c) the contribution of emergency management volunteers to disaster resilience by enhancing the attraction, support and retention of volunteers; and
  - (d) the need to reduce community vulnerability and build local adaptive capacity and resilience.

### Risk management

15. A risk management plan is in place. Risks have been actively identified, entered into a risk log and categorised in terms of impact and likelihood.

### Relevant South Australian Context

16. In developing this Implementation Plan consideration has been given to the relevant South Australian context. Key factors that have influenced the proposed direction are set out in Table 2.

**Table 2: Links with existing reforms or projects**

<b>Program element</b>	<b>Existing reforms or projects</b>	<b>Complimentary nature of activities</b>
State Strategic Programs (SSP)	<p><i>National Strategy for Disaster Resilience – South Australia Implementation Plan</i></p> <p>*SA Emergency Risk Management Framework</p> <p><i>Climate Change Adaptation Framework for South Australia</i></p> <p><i>National Strategy for Disaster Resilience</i></p> <p><i>National Emergency Risk Assessment Guidelines</i></p>	<p>SSP will address target areas identified in the <i>National Strategy for Disaster Resilience – South Australia Implementation Plan</i></p> <p>South Australia is continuing to build upon work commenced in previous NDRP rounds to conduct Local Government, Emergency Management Zone and State-wide <i>National Emergency Risk Assessment Guideline</i> compliant risk assessments. Risk assessments at all levels will consider and incorporate climate change adaptation where appropriate.</p>
Natural Disaster Resilience Grant Scheme (NDRGS)	<p><i>National Strategy for Disaster Resilience – South Australia Implementation Plan</i></p> <p>*SA Emergency Risk Management Framework</p> <p><i>Climate Change Adaptation Framework for South Australia</i></p> <p><i>National Emergency Risk Assessment Guidelines</i></p>	<p>Building upon previous NDRP Grant Schemes, proposals will be assessed to ensure;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– alignment with relevant state and National policies and methodologies relating to Disaster Resilience, and</li> <li>– links with Local Government, Emergency Management Zone and State-wide risk assessments</li> </ul> <p>NDRGS eligibility has been revised for 2012-13 to improve access for non-government organisations, including, the education sector, businesses and community based agencies.</p>
Emergency Management Volunteer Support Scheme (EMVSS)	<p><i>South Australian Strategic Plan 2011 (Target 24: Volunteering)</i></p> <p><i>National Strategy for Disaster Resilience</i></p> <p><i>National Action Plan for the Attraction, Support and Retention of Emergency Management Volunteers</i></p>	<p>Building upon previous volunteer grant schemes, the EMVSS supports initiatives for the attraction, support and retention of emergency management volunteers.</p>

\*SA Emergency Risk Management Framework describes the elements in South Australia that bring together local, zone and state risk assessment processes.

### **Performance benchmarks**

17. Performance benchmarks have been developed to measure the various ways in which approved projects address South Australia’s strategic priorities listed in Part 3.
18. Specific performance measures for all South Australian program components are set out below.

- (a) Proportion of projects undertaken to progress development of the South Australian Emergency Risk Management Framework.
- (b) Proportion of projects informed by an evidence-based risk assessment process.
- (c) Proportion of projects considering climate change vulnerabilities.
- (d) Proportion of projects that identify and or address aspects of social vulnerability to hazards.
- (e) Proportion of projects addressing volunteer recruitment, retention and training issues.
- (f) Proportion of projects incorporating community engagement methodologies.
- (g) Proportion of projects demonstrating cross sector collaboration.
- (h) Proportion of research based projects undertaken to inform emergency management policy.
- (i) Proportion of projects that will determine the feasibility of a new initiative and scope the work required.
- (j) Proportion of annual projects with scope for multiple year implementation to enhance and embed initiatives.
- (k) Proportion of projects progressing issues identified in the *National Disaster Resilience Strategy – South Australia Implementation Plan*.
- (l) Proportion of approved projects expected to be completed by 30 June 2013.

## Reporting

- 19. South Australia will report annually against the agreed performance indicators. A report of program activities will be provided by 31 March 2013.
- 20. Circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought from South Australia. Such requests should be kept to the minimum necessary for the effective assessment of the project or reform. Requests should not place an undue reporting burden on South Australia.

**Sign off**

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

**Signature**  **Date** 8.9.12  
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[By State Minister for Emergency Services

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**Signature** **Date**  
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[By Commonwealth Minister for Emergency Management]