

Tasmania

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 of the National Partnership is to strengthen Australian communities' resilience to natural disasters.
2. This Implementation Plan will address Tasmania's risk priorities by building on existing knowledge and programs that align with the Tasmanian State Natural Disaster Risk Assessment (TSNDRA) and the Natural Strategy for Disaster Resilience (NSDR). Support will be provided through:
 - (a) a funding program for the management of disaster risk priorities and the provision of appropriate emergency management capability and capacity;
 - (b) a funding program for emergency management volunteers that will target state level organisations that rely on volunteerism and their local volunteer units/stations/brigades/clubs;
 - (c) support for the efforts of the State in relation to public safety, emergency management awareness, emergency management planning and risk management and to provide oversight for funding programs; and
 - (d) the provision of funding to assist the Launceston City Council to reduce the risk of flooding through the improvement of flood protection measures.

PART 2: TERMS OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

3. 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 Tasmania, represented by the Minister for Police and Emergency Management.

4. As a schedule to the National Partnership Agreement on Natural Disaster Resilience, the purpose of this Implementation Plan is to provide the public with an indication of how the Natural Disaster Resilience Program is intended to be delivered and to demonstrate Tasmania's capacity to achieve the outcomes of the National Partnership.
5. 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 milestones.
6. This Implementation Plan may be varied by written agreement between the Commonwealth and Tasmanian Ministers responsible for it under the overarching National Partnership.
7. The Parties to this Implementation Plan do not intend any of the provisions to be legally enforceable. However, this does not lessen the Parties' commitment to the Plan and its full implementation.

PART 3: STRATEGY FOR TASMANIA IMPLEMENTATION

Project information

8. The TSNDRA and the NSDR will guide the focus of the delivery of this Implementation Plan. The NSDR recognises the shared responsibility of governments and other organisations in improving disaster resilience. The core features of this Implementation Plan and the activities it outlines align closely with the action areas of the NSDR, particularly:
 - (a) leading change and coordinating effort;
 - (b) understanding risks;
 - (c) partnering with those who effect change; and
 - (d) supporting capabilities for disaster resilience.
9. A key theme of the following activities is to work with existing structures and networks and partner with those who effect change consistent with the TSNDRA and the NSDR. The activities have been organised to improve administrative efficiency and ensure that they reach their intended target.
10. The activities proposed under this agreement are shown in Table 1 as follows:
 - (a) Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) – Tasmania;
 - (b) Emergency Volunteer Fund (EVF);
 - (c) Emergency Management Framework Support Program (EMFSP); and
 - (d) Launceston Flood Risk Management.

Table 1: Project elements

No	Title	Short Description	Planned Start Date	Planned end date	Dependent on projects
1	NDRP	<p>The NDRP operates as a competitive disaster mitigation and capability development grants program.</p> <p>The NDRP is targeted at identifying and addressing disaster risk priorities throughout Tasmania and funds disaster mitigation works, measures and related activities that contribute to safer, sustainable communities better able to withstand the effects of disasters.</p>	Within 1 month of agreement to this Implementation Plan	30 June 2013	Emergency Management Framework Support Program (3)
2	EVF	<p>The EVF is a competitive volunteer support grants program.</p> <p>The EVF is aimed at providing volunteer organisations, at the frontline of emergency management in Tasmania, an opportunity to submit applications to support recruitment, retention, skills and training capabilities.</p> <p>Initiatives must demonstrate an ability to improve their local community's resilience against natural disasters, particularly in relation to emergency response and recovery activities.</p>	Within 1 month of agreement to this Implementation Plan	30 June 2013	Nil

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3	EMFSP	This Program will augment the efforts of the State in public safety and emergency management awareness activities and the delivery of emergency management planning and risk management services. As part of the Program, the State Emergency Service will provide governance and program oversight. The Natural Disaster Resilience Program will be utilised to cover any costs associated with the program administration.	1 July 2012	30 June 2013	NDRP (1)
4	Launceston Flood Risk Management	Provision of final payment to the Launceston City Council in relation to works undertaken in 2010-11 and 2011-12 to reduce the risk of flooding through the improvement of flood protection measures.	N/A	N/A	Nil

Estimated Costs

11. The maximum financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth for the projects to the jurisdiction is \$3,805,000 payable in accordance with the payment schedule set out in Part 5 of the National Partnership. All payments are exclusive of GST.
12. The estimated overall budget (exclusive of GST) is set out in Table 2. The budget is indicative only and Tasmania 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 2: Estimated financial contributions

	2012-13
Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) – Tasmania	\$1,940,000
Emergency Volunteer Fund (EVF)	\$410,000
Emergency Management Framework Support Program	\$260,000
Total Estimated Budget	\$2,610,000
<i>Less</i> estimated Commonwealth contribution	\$1,305,000
<i>Equals</i> estimated balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	\$1,305,000
<i>Plus</i> Commonwealth funding for Launceston Flood Risk Management (a)	\$2,500,000
Total Commonwealth Contribution	\$3,805,000

Notes:

(a) Under the 2011-12 Implementation Plan, the Tasmanian and Commonwealth Governments committed to providing funding of up to \$6.75 million for this project in line with clause 27 of the National Partnership. In June 2012, the Commonwealth contributed \$4.25 million towards this project. The remaining \$2.5 million will be paid by the Commonwealth to Tasmania in 2012-13.

Program logic

13. The projects detailed in this Implementation Plan will achieve the outcomes and objectives stated in the National Partnership by:
 - (a) **Reducing the risk from the impact of disasters.** This will be achieved through funding projects or activities that link with the NSDR, reduce vulnerability, mitigate the impacts of disasters, improve community risk assessments, facilitate related emergency management planning, build emergency management capability and improve research, data and systems;

- (b) **Providing appropriate emergency management capability and capacity, consistent with the State risk profile.** This will be achieved through funding projects and activities that respond to State, regional or local risk assessments to reduce risk from natural disasters and enhance emergency management capability and capacity; and
- (c) **Providing support for volunteers.** This will be achieved through a targeted program to enhance capability and capacity in the emergency volunteer sector.

Risk management

- 14. 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 State Context

- 15. In developing this Implementation Plan consideration has been given to relevant Tasmanian context. Key factors that have influenced the proposed direction are set out in Table 3.

Table 3: Links with existing reforms or projects

Proposed project	Existing reforms or projects	Complementary nature of activities
NDRP	TSNDRA NSDR (including the National Emergency Management Committee and Tasmanian Implementation Plans)	Aligning the NDRP with the TSNDRA and the NSDR ensures that projects considered for funding contribute to achieving the long-term objective to have Tasmanian communities that are resilient to natural disasters and to implement the Tasmanian Natural Disaster Risk Assessment
EVF	National Emergency Management Volunteer Action Plan (NEMVAP)	Aligning the EVF to the NEMVAP will assist to guide a strategic direction for funding of projects to the emergency management volunteer sector.
EMFSP	TSNDRA NSDR (including the National Emergency Management Committee and Tasmanian Implementation Plans)	Aligning the EMFSP with the TSNDRA and the NSDR contributes to achieving the long-term objective to have Tasmanian communities that are resilient to natural disasters and to implement the Tasmanian Natural Disaster Risk Assessment

PART 4: PERFORMANCE AND REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

Performance measures

16. Performance benchmarks have been developed to measure the links with TSNDRA or the NEMVAP, and the effectiveness with which projects are implemented. Funding will reward Tasmania upon meeting these targets as set out below:
- a) Common Performance Measures
 - (i) the proportion of applications approved and commenced:
 - (ii) the proportion to which funding is dispersed between:
 - i. Individual sectors;
 - ii. Natural disaster risks and resilience characteristics; and
 - iii. Geographical areas/locations.
 - b) NDRP
 - (i) the proportion of projects approved that address priority hazards identified through the TSNDRA.
 - c) EVF
 - (ii) the proportion of projects that address priorities in the NEMVAP.

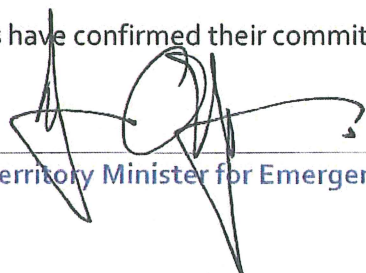
Reporting

17. Tasmania will report against the agreed performance indicators every 12 months during the operation of the National Partnership. The annual report for 2012-13 is due on 31 March 2013.
18. Circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought from Tasmania. 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 Tasmania.

Sign off

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

Signature



Date

24/9/12

[By state/territory Minister for Emergency Management]

Signature

Date

[By Commonwealth Minister for Emergency Management]