

2011-12 Implementation Plan for the Natural Disaster Resilience Program - Western Australia

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON NATURAL DISASTER RESILIENCE

PRELIMINARIES

1. This Implementation Plan is created subject to the provisions of 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 promote evidence based risk management approaches that engage businesses, individuals and the community towards a paradigm of collective responsibility. The Program also recognises that the non-government and voluntary sectors are at the forefront of strengthening disaster resilience in WA. The commencement of a state risk assessment framework that can be applied at state, regional and local level will further inform the state emergency risk profile.

TERMS OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

2. This Implementation Plan will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth of Australia, represented Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Australia, and the State of Western Australia represented by Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety.
3. This Implementation Plan will cease on completion of the project as specified in this Implementation Plan, including the acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payments against performance benchmarks specified in this Implementation Plan.
4. This Implementation Plan may be varied by written agreement between the Ministers.
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 performance benchmarks 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 Western Australian communities' vulnerability to natural hazards by supporting local governments and other stakeholders to build community resilience by::
- § reducing their risk from the impact of disasters;
 - § achieving appropriate emergency management capability and capacity, consistent with the State's risk profile; and
 - § providing support for emergency service volunteers.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Role of the Commonwealth

8. The Commonwealth is responsible for reviewing the State's performance against the project benchmarks 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 project, after accounting for financial contributions from the Commonwealth and any third party;
 - (b) completing the project in a timely and professional manner in accordance with this Implementation Plan; and
 - (c) meeting all conditions including providing reports in accordance with this Implementation Plan; Performance Benchmarks and financial arrangements
10. The maximum financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth for the project is \$ 3,084,000 payable in accordance with performance benchmarks set out in Table 1.
11. Table 1: Performance benchmarks and associated payments

Performance benchmark	Due date	Amount
(i) Agreement to the Implementation Plan by the Ministers of each jurisdiction	Expected by 31 August 2011	\$1,542,000
(ii) Submission of a project report to the satisfaction of the Committee and the Commonwealth in accordance with clause 17 below.	Expected by 31 March 2012	\$1,542,000

12. 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*.

Table 2: Overall project budget

NDRP Program	
Contribution from Commonwealth Government	\$3,084,000
Contributions from the Western Australian Government, Local Government Authorities and other eligible entities	\$3,084,000
Underspending from Legacy Projects	<u>\$ 66,867</u>
Sub- Total	\$6,234,867
Administration Costs	(\$43,250)
Available for projects	\$6,191,617

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 provide, no later than 30 days after the approval of individual projects under the program, a list of approved projects to the Attorney General's Department , which includes the following information:
- Organisation being funded;
 - Location of activity, including the federal electorate, where relevant;
 - Total approved funding;
 - Brief description of activity
15. Project reports will contain the following information
- a) Describe the conducts, benefits and outcomes of the project as a whole;
 - b) 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; and
 - c) Include a discussion of any other matters relating to the project, which the Commonwealth notifies the State should be included in the final report at least 30 days before it is due.

AGREEMENT

The parties have confirmed their commitment to this plan as follows:

Signed *for and on behalf of the
State of Western Australia by*

The Hon. Rob Johnson, MLA
Minister for Police; Emergency Services;
Road Safety

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Signed *for and on behalf of the
Commonwealth of Australia by*

The Hon. Robert McClelland, MP
Attorney General of the Commonwealth of
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