

South Australian Implementation Plan

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP 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 enhance Australian communities' resilience to natural disasters.
2. The Implementation Plan provides for a South Australia Natural Disaster Resilience Program that provides grant funds to initiatives that build community resilience to natural disasters on an ongoing and sustainable basis.

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 responsible for emergency management, and the State of South Australia, represented by the Minister for Emergency Services.
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 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.
5. This Implementation Plan may be varied by written agreement between the Commonwealth and State Ministers responsible for it under the overarching National Partnership.
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 the plan and its full implementation.

PART 3: STRATEGY FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S IMPLEMENTATION

Project information

7. The project elements planned are as follows:

Table 1: Project Information

No.	Title	Short description	Planned start date	Planned end date
1	<p>Natural Disaster Resilience Implementation \$1.000m**</p> <p>**Commonwealth contribution of \$0.500m is fully matched by State Cabinet funds of \$0.500m</p>	<p>The South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) will undertake a strategic leadership role to ensure that the key objectives and outcomes of the National Partnership are met. This will be achieved by coordinating and driving whole-of-state multi-hazard resilience building initiatives to support shared responsibility across State and local governments and the non-government sector. Under this element, SAFECOM ensure compliance with administration and reporting requirements and will monitor the following grant schemes.</p>	1/7/2016	30/6/2019
	<p>State Strategic Grant Scheme (\$1.500m)**</p> <p>**Commonwealth contribution of \$0.750m is fully matched by State Cabinet funds of \$0.750m</p>	<p>The State Strategic Grant Scheme will assist the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) to progress priority objectives identified in the <i>National Strategy for Disaster Resilience</i> and the SEMC Strategic Plan 2017-22 by supporting projects that strategically improve emergency management governance that are most efficiently conducted on a State basis to deliver sustainable benefits across a range of hazards.</p>	<p>1/7/2016</p> <p>Approved projects are expected to be completed within 2 years of commencement</p>	1/7/2019

	<p>Natural Disaster Resilience Grant Scheme (\$9.428m) **</p> <p>**Commonwealth contribution of \$4.714m is matched by State Cabinet funds of \$2.063m and grantee contributions of <u>at least</u> \$2.651m</p>	<p>The NDRGS is a competitive grants program that funds projects that progress priority objectives identified in the <i>National Strategy for Disaster Resilience</i>. These initiatives must demonstrate public value and sustainable community benefits.</p>	<p>1/1/2017</p> <p>Approved projects are expected to be completed within 2 years of commencement</p>	<p>1/10/2020</p>
	<p>Emergency Management Volunteer Grant Scheme (\$0.600m)**</p> <p>**Commonwealth contribution of \$0.300m is fully matched by State Cabinet funds of \$0.300m</p>	<p>The EMVGS is a competitive grant program that funds projects that progress priorities identified in the <i>National Action Plan for the Attraction, Support and Retention of Emergency Management Volunteers</i>. These initiatives must demonstrate public value and sustainable volunteer and community benefit.</p>	<p>1/1/2017</p> <p>Approved projects are expected to be completed within 2 years of commencement</p>	<p>1/10/2020</p>

Estimated costs

8. The maximum financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth for the project to the jurisdiction is \$6.264 million payable in accordance with Table 2 of this Implementation Plan. All payments are exclusive of GST.
9. The estimated overall budget (exclusive of GST) is set out in Table 2. This table has been revised and does not separate the programs, rather the allocation for funding to each program across the 2015-18 years has been included under 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 2: Estimated financial contributions*

(\$ million)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Total
Total estimated budget	-	2.088	10.440	12.528
less estimated Commonwealth contribution	-	1.044	5.220	6.264
equals estimated balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	-	1.044	5.220	6.264
Commonwealth own purpose expense	-	-	-	-
Total Commonwealth contribution	-	1.044	5.220	6.264

* Estimated financial contributions have been revised to be consistent with approved estimates as at December 2017. They reflect delays in finalising the agreement and re-profiling of funds across financial years. Non-Commonwealth contributions reflect the matching requirements of clause 21 of the Agreement. Figures may not add due to rounding.

Programme logic

10. SAFECOM will utilise total funds from the National Partnership to conduct the South Australian Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) on behalf of the Commonwealth minister responsible for emergency management and the South Australian Minister for Emergency Services.
11. The project elements detailed in this Implementation Plan will achieve the outcomes and objectives stated in the National Partnership through alignment with the *National Strategy for Disaster Resilience*.
12. Consistent with the *National Strategy for Disaster Resilience*, approved projects will demonstrate South Australia's commitment to shared responsibility across governments, business, community and the not-for-profit and education sectors to improve community-wide disaster resilience.
13. Primary beneficiaries will make financial and/or in-kind contributions toward project costs, commensurate with capacity to pay, to support the implementation of the National Partnership.
14. Approved projects will be implemented at State, Zone, Local Government and community level in partnership with key stakeholders to deliver sustainable benefits across a range of hazards and geographic areas.
15. Priority will be given to collaborative and innovative initiatives addressing risks that have been identified in South Australian NERAG based risk assessments.
16. Priority will also be given to initiatives that address needs that are identified in the *State Emergency Management Committee's Strategic Plan 2017-2022*.
17. Priority will be given to collaborative initiatives that support the development and enhancement of emergency management arrangements and capabilities supporting the State Emergency Management Plan (SEMP).

18. Priority will be given to collaborative initiatives that demonstrate alignment with South Australia's Reforming Democracy Policy and the Better Together Program incorporating the Public Value Framework.
19. NDRP grant funds will not support activities that align with core agency responsibilities. This requirement may be varied by exception, where a new standard or benchmark for ongoing service delivery or capability is being established and will be sustained beyond the grant funded period.
20. Project outputs for the improvement of emergency management capability and/or community resilience will be aligned with or complementary to, state emergency management arrangements.

Risk management

21. 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.
22. The independent function and integrity of the assessment panel/s and transparency of assessment processes will be maintained by:
 - a. All grant scheme applications being subject to a two stage merit-based approval process. Eligible funding applications will firstly be assessed by the appropriate multi-agency panel assessment at senior official level. Recommended proposals will then be submitted for approval at Executive/Ministerial level corresponding with the grant scheme. The approval of both senior official and Executive/Ministerial level is required for funding approval.
 - b. Project proposals or applications with presumptive NDRP endorsements bypassing this two-stage approval process are ineligible under this National Partnership.
23. Financial accountability will be maintained by compliance with relevant South Australian Treasurer's Instruction 15 "Grant Funding".

Relevant South Australian Context

24. In developing this Implementation Plan consideration has been given to the South Australian state context. Key factors that have influenced the proposed direction are set out in Table 3.

Table 3: Links with existing reforms or projects

Program element	Existing reforms or projects	Complementary nature of activities
National Strategy for Disaster Resilience (NSDR) Implementation	<p><i>Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030</i></p> <p><i>National Strategy for Disaster Resilience (COAG, 2011)</i></p> <p><i>NSDR – National Implementation Plan</i></p> <p><i>NSDR Community Engagement Framework (EMA Handbook 6)</i></p> <p><i>NSDR – South Australia Implementation Plan</i></p> <p><i>SA Reforming Democracy Policy</i></p> <p><i>SA Better Together Program incorporating the Public Value Framework</i></p>	<p>NSDR Implementation will articulate with relevant state and national frameworks and policies.</p> <p>It will ensure nationally agreed priorities and strategies are progressed in South Australia. This will support high level leadership groups and key initiatives that maximise stakeholder engagement across complementary projects.</p> <p>It will also support efficient and effective use of National Partnership funds and ensure that Commonwealth and State Government requirements are met through transparent assessment processes and sound financial management.</p>
State Strategic Grant Scheme (SSGS)	<p><i>National Strategy for Disaster Resilience (COAG, 2011)</i></p> <p><i>NSDR – National Implementation Plan</i></p> <p><i>National Land Use Planning Roadmap</i></p> <p><i>National Disability Strategy 2010-2020</i></p> <p><i>NSDR Community Engagement Framework (EMA Handbook 6)</i></p> <p><i>State Emergency Management Committee – Strategic Plan 2017-2022</i></p> <p><i>NSDR – South Australia Implementation Plan</i></p> <p><i>SA Reforming Democracy Policy</i></p> <p><i>SA Better Together Program incorporating the Public Value Framework</i></p>	<p>The SSGS will support projects that progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed priorities of the State Emergency Management Committee. • Initiatives deemed to be most efficiently conducted on a state-wide basis to deliver benefits across a range of hazards. • Strategic initiatives identified in the State Emergency Management Committee Strategic Plan 2017-22 and in South Australian NERAG aligned state risk assessments.
Natural Disaster Resilience Grant Scheme (NDRGS)	<p><i>National Strategy for Disaster Resilience (COAG, 2011)</i></p> <p><i>NSDR – South Australia Implementation Plan</i></p> <p><i>National Disability Strategy 2010-2020</i></p> <p><i>NSDR Community Engagement Framework (EMA Handbook 6)</i></p> <p><i>National Emergency Risk Assessment Guidelines (NERAG)</i></p> <p><i>South Australian State-level Risk Assessment</i></p> <p><i>South Australian Strategic Plan (Strategic Priority Safe Communities, Healthy Neighbourhoods)</i></p> <p><i>SA Reforming Democracy Policy</i></p> <p><i>SA Better Together Program incorporating the Public Value Framework</i></p>	<p>The NDRGS will support projects that progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk treatments and control improvements that have been identified and prioritised through Zone and State (NERAG) compliant risk management processes. • Opportunities identified in the revision of the <i>South Australian State level Risk Assessment</i>. • Partnerships with key stakeholders to deliver sustainable benefits across a range of hazards and geographic areas.

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Emergency Management Volunteer Grant Scheme (EMVGS)	<i>National Strategy for Disaster Resilience (COAG, 2011)</i> <i>NSDR – South Australia Implementation Plan</i> <i>NSDR Community Engagement Framework (EMA Handbook 6)</i> <i>National Emergency Management Volunteer Action Plan 2012</i> <i>National Disability Strategy 2010-2020</i> <i>South Australian Strategic Plan 2011 (Target 24: Volunteering)</i> <i>SA Reforming Democracy Policy</i> <i>SA Better Together Program incorporating the Public Value Framework</i>	The EMVGS will support projects that progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Action Plan including the attraction, support, retention and resourcing of emergency management volunteers.

PART 4: PERFORMANCE AND REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

Milestones

25. To qualify for the associated payment, South Australia must meet the following milestones:

Table 4: Milestones: output and implementation

Milestones	Due Date	Payment
Commonwealth agreement to the South Australia Implementation Plan that clearly demonstrates South Australia's strategy to achieve the outcomes and outputs of the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) as per clause 17 of the NPA	February 2017	\$1.044m
First Report – Commonwealth acceptance of the South Australia report demonstrating satisfactory progress against the Performance Indicators	July 2017	\$1.044m
Second Report – Commonwealth acceptance of the South Australia report demonstrating satisfactory progress against the Performance Indicators	February 2018	\$2.088m
Final Report - Commonwealth acceptance of South Australia's report demonstrating satisfactory progress against the Performance Indicators, including the allocation of all funds under the NPA to projects.	April 2018	\$2.088 m

Performance indicators

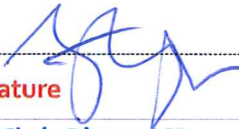
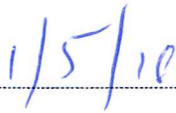
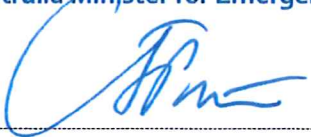

26. Specific performance indicators to be reported against by South Australia in relation to the objectives, outcomes and outputs of all program elements are as follows:
- (a) projects approved, funding agreements signed and projects completed as at the milestones due dates;
 - (b) implementation of activities that address risks identified in the State-wide Risk Assessment;
 - (c) implementation of activities that contribute to the achievement of the priority outcomes of the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience; and
 - (d) implementation of activities that contribute to the attraction, support and retention of emergency management volunteers.

Reporting

27. South Australia will report to the Commonwealth as prescribed in Table 4 of this implementation Plan

Sign off

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

	
Signature	Date
Hon Chris Picton MP South Australia Minister for Emergency Services	
	
Signature	Date
Hon Angus Taylor MP Commonwealth Minister for Law Enforcement and Cybersecurity	