

Tasmania Implementation Plan

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 (NPA NDR) and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement. The objective of the NPA NDR 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 National Strategy for Disaster Resilience (NSDR) or the National Emergency Management Volunteer Action Plan 2012 (NEMVAP). Support will be provided through:
 - (a) 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;
 - (b) a funding program to provide support to emergency management volunteers that will target state level organisations that rely on volunteerism and their local volunteer units/stations/brigades and clubs;
 - (c) a funding program to support Tasmanian communities to implement the NSDR and strategic priorities outlined in the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) Strategic Directions Framework; and
 - (d) a program to assist in delivering programs to address significant natural disaster resilience projects.

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 Justice, and the State of Tasmania, represented by the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management.
4. As a schedule to the NPA NDR, 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 Agreement.

5. This Implementation Plan will cease on completion or termination of the National Partnership Agreement, 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 Agreement.
7. 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 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 the 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) communicating with and educating people about risks;
 - (d) empowering individuals and communities to exercise choice and take responsibility;
 - (e) partnering with those who effect change;
 - (f) reducing risks in the built environment; and
 - (g) 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 project elements planned are shown in Table 1, as follows:
 - (a) Emergency Management Framework Support Program (EMFSP);
 - (b) Emergency Volunteer Fund (EMF);
 - (c) Natural Disaster Resilience Grants Program (NDRGP); and
 - (d) State Emergency Management Program (SEMP).

Table 1: Project elements

No.	Title	Description	Scheduled start date	Scheduled end date	Dependent on project/s
1	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. Governance and oversight of any funding programs will be provided as part of this program, including costs associated with program administration.	1 May 2016	30 June 2017	NDRGP (3) and SEMP (4)
2	EVF	<p>The EVF is a competitive grants program that provides extra support to emergency management volunteers.</p> <p>The EVF is aimed at building community resilience by providing extra support to emergency management volunteers, targeting local, regional or state-wide recruitment; retention and training initiatives by their state-level organisations and their local volunteer units/stations/brigades and clubs.</p> <p>A grants program will be promoted, calling for applications for projects to be conducted during the timeframe of this agreement. An Assessment Panel will assess projects and recommend priority projects to the State Controller for approval. Funding agreements will be developed between the State and successful grant recipients and the payment of funds (by instalments) will be linked to project milestones.</p> <p>The State Emergency Service will administer this process through the EMFSP.</p>	Within 30 days of agreement to this Implementation Plan	30 June 2017	EMFSP (1)

3	NDRGP	<p>The NDRGP is a competitive grants program which aims to support Tasmanian communities in implementing the NSDR and strategic priorities outlined in the SEMC Strategic Directions Framework 2013-2018. The NDRGP recognises that disaster resilience requires a shared responsibility. Accordingly, the implementation of the NSDR and SEMC strategic priorities cannot be achieved by emergency management agencies alone but rather by governments, communities, businesses and individuals working together as partners.</p> <p>A grants program will be promoted, calling for applications for projects to be conducted during the timeframe of this agreement. An Assessment Panel will assess projects and recommend priority projects to the State Controller for approval. Funding agreements will be developed between the State and successful grant recipients and the payment of funds by instalments will be linked to project milestones.</p> <p>The State Emergency Service will administer the NDRGP, in accordance with the State's Treasurer's Instruction 709 – Grant Management Framework.</p>	Within 30 days of agreement to the Implementation Plan	30 June 2017	EMFSP (1) and SEMP (4)
4	SEMP	<p>The SEMP aims to assist in delivering programs to address significant natural disaster resilience projects. Activities funded under this program will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) projects in response to SEMC priorities; b) projects in response to gaps in the implementation of the NSDR; c) the development and implementation of an Emergency Risk Management Framework for Tasmania, including the delivery of emergency risk management in local government areas, effective communication of risk to the public, training in risk management, a review of the TSNDRA and other relevant risk activities consistent with the NSDR; and d) support to agreed national capabilities. 	Within 30 days of agreement to the Implementation Plan	30 June 2017	EMFSP (1) and NDRGP (3)

Estimated costs

11. The maximum financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth for the projects to the jurisdiction is \$2,600,000 payable in accordance with the payment schedule set out in Part 5 of the National Partnership Agreement. All payments are exclusive of GST.
12. The estimated overall budget (exclusive of GST) is set out in Table 2 below. The budget is indicative only and Tasmania retains the flexibility to move funds between components and/or years, providing outcomes are not affected. The Commonwealth contribution can only be moved between years with the agreement of the Commonwealth.

Table 2: Estimated financial contributions

	2015-16 (\$ Million)	2016-17 (\$ Million)	Total (\$ Million)
Emergency Management Framework Support Program	\$0.27	\$0.27	\$0.54
Emergency Volunteer Fund	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.8
Natural Disaster Resilience Grants Program	\$0.8	\$0.8	\$1.6
State Emergency Management Program	\$1.13	\$1.13	\$2.26
Total estimated budget	\$2.6	\$2.6	\$5.2
<i>Less estimated Commonwealth contribution</i>	<i>\$1.3</i>	<i>\$1.3</i>	<i>\$2.6</i>
<i>Equals estimated balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</i>	<i>\$1.3</i>	<i>\$1.3</i>	<i>\$2.6</i>
Total Commonwealth contribution	\$1.3	\$1.3	\$2.6

Program logic

13. The way in which these project elements will achieve the outcomes and objectives set out in the National Partnership Agreement is detailed in Table 3 below:

Table 3: Program Logic

Project elements	Outputs	Outcomes	Project objectives	Responsibilities
Element 1 (EMFSP)	Output 11(a) and 11(c)	Outcomes (a)(i), (a)(ii), (a)(iii), (a)(iv), (a)(v), (a)(vi) and (a)(vii)	To assist the efforts of the State in regard to public safety, emergency management awareness and planning, risk management, and providing oversight of funding programs.	Tasmania
Element 2 (EVF)	Output 11(c)	Outcomes (a)(iv) and (a)(v)	To build community resilience by providing support to emergency management volunteers, through targeting local, regional or state-wide recruitment, retention and training initiatives by their state-level organisations and their local volunteer units/stations/brigades and clubs.	Tasmania
Element 3 (NDRGP)	Output 11(b)	Outcomes (a)(ii), (a)(iii) and (a)(vi)	To support local councils and other organisations to undertake natural disaster risk reduction activities including education and awareness, and enhance emergency management capability.	Tasmania
Element 4 (SEMP)	Output 11(a) and 11 (b)	Outcomes (a)(i), (a)(vi) and (a)(vii)	The SEMP aims to assist the SEMC in delivering programs to address significant natural disaster resilience projects at the state level including support for agreed national capabilities.	Tasmania Australian Government

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 Tasmanian 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 4.

Table 4: Links with existing reforms or projects

Project elements	Existing reforms or projects	Complementary nature of activities
EMFSP	SEMC Strategic Directions Framework 2013-2018 TSNDRA NSDR	Aligning the EMFSP with the SEMC Strategic Directions Framework 2013-2018, the TSNDRA and the NSDR contributes to achieving the long-term objective of ensuring Tasmanian communities are resilient to natural disasters, and also assists in the implementation of the TSNDRA.
EVF	SEMC Strategic Directions Framework 2013-2018 NEMVAP	Aligning the EVF to the SEMC Strategic Directions Framework 2013-2018 and the NEMVAP assists in providing strategic direction for funding of projects to the emergency management volunteer sector.
ERMP	SEMC Strategic Directions Framework 2013-2018 TSNDRA Local Council Risk Assessments National Emergency Management Risk Assessment Guidelines NSDR	Aligning the ERMP with the TSNDRA and the NSDR ensures projects that apply for funding contribute to achieving the long-term objective to have Tasmanian communities that are resilient to natural disasters and to implement the TSNDRA.
SEMP	SEMC Strategic Directions Framework 2013-2018 TSNDRA National Emergency Management Risk Assessment Guidelines	Aligning the SEMP with the TSNDRA and National Emergency Risk Assessment Guidelines assists the SEMC in ensuring projects are delivered in a consistent, transparent manner, with an improved understanding of emergency risk issues and treatment measures.

PART 4: PERFORMANCE AND REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

Milestones

16. To qualify for the associated payment, Tasmania must meet the following milestones:

Table 5: Milestones

Due Date	Milestones	Proportion of Tasmania's annual allocation
2015-2016		
	Commonwealth agreement to the Tasmanian Implementation Plan that clearly demonstrates Tasmania's strategy to achieve the outcomes and outputs of the National Partnership Agreement, as per clause 17 of the National Partnership Agreement	50% (\$.65m)
30 October 2016	Commonwealth acceptance of Tasmania's report demonstrating satisfactory progress against the Performance Indicators.	50% (\$.65m)
2016-2017		
30 April 2017	Commonwealth acceptance of Tasmania's report demonstrating satisfactory progress against the Performance Indicators.	100% (\$1.3m)

Performance Indicators

17. The following performance measures will be collected for EMFSP, EVF, ERMP and SEMP and reported in the milestone reports as required:
- a) activities/projects approved, funding agreements signed and projects completed as at the milestone due dates;
 - b) implementation of activities that address risks identified in the TSNDRA;
 - c) implementation of activities that contribute to the achievement of the priority outcomes of the NSDR; and
 - d) implementation of activities that contribute to the attraction, support and retention of emergency management volunteers.

Reporting

- 18. Tasmania will report against the agreed performance milestones in accordance with Table 5 of this Implementation Plan.

Sign off

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

Signature  Date 27.7.16
By Tasmanian Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management

Signature  Date 23.9.16
By Commonwealth Minister for Justice