

# Western Australia 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. This Implementation Plan will support Western Australia's strategic direction and enhance community resilience by building on existing knowledge and deliverables, by undertaking the following programs:
  - a. Natural Disaster Resilience Program Competitive Grants
  - b. State Risk Project – Phase IV and V
  - c. State Capability Project
  - d. State Response and Capability Subcommittee Program
  - e. State Community Engagement Subcommittee Program
  - f. State Recovery Subcommittee Program

### 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 Western 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 programs are intended to be delivered and demonstrate Western Australia's capacity to achieve the outcomes of the National Partnership.
5. This Implementation Plan will cease on 30 June 2017 or 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.

6. This Implementation Plan may be varied by written agreement between the Commonwealth and State 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, that does not lessen the Parties' commitment to the plan and its full implementation.

## **PART 3: STRATEGY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S IMPLEMENTATION**

### **Project information**

8. The project elements planned are:
  - a. Natural Disaster Resilience Program Competitive Grants. This stand-alone program will enable organisations to submit applications for natural disaster resilience activities that will contribute to safer, more sustainable communities in the event of natural disasters.
  - b. State Risk Project. This project will encompass Phase IV and V and continues the work done at the state and district level to gain a comprehensive and consistent understanding of the risks faced at all levels, including local (Phase IV). Western Australia will continue to roll-out the project at the local level and use these outcomes, combined with state and district outcomes, to formulate appropriate and cost-effective mitigation strategies and treatments that lower risk and contribute to building a more resilient state (Phase V).
  - c. State Capability Project.  
The project will develop a state-wide, multi-agency Capability Profile with the aim of determining how well WA can prevent, mitigate, prepare, respond and recover to incidents. The project will be incisive, systematic and comprehensive and will build on the State Risk Project by using its credible worst-case scenarios. The intention is to build WA's capability to match the risk, and as the understanding of capability increases, so too will the rigour that can be applied to future mitigation and treatment options.
  - d. State Response and Capability Subcommittee Program. This program will provide support to the Response and Capability Subcommittee to focus the strategic development of the State's emergency management capabilities that are relevant to hazards, and promoting these capabilities within the emergency response community.
  - e. State Community Engagement Subcommittee Program. This program will strengthen resilience in WA by providing support to the Community Engagement Subcommittee in the development of a forward-planning strategy that will increase awareness and engagement across the community engagement emergency management space. The subcommittee aims to improve coordination and outcomes to enhance community emergency preparedness.

- f. State Recovery Subcommittee Program. The provision of funds to support the Recovery Subcommittee in achieving priorities identified within the Recovery Subcommittee work plan. Priorities will focus on creating systems improvements and enhancing State policy around recovery.

## Estimated costs

9. The maximum financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth for the project to the jurisdiction is \$6.264 million payable in accordance with the financial arrangements set out in Part 4 of this Implementation Plan. All payments are exclusive of GST.
10. The estimated overall budget (exclusive of GST) is set out in Table 2. The budget is indicative only and Western 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	Total
Natural Disaster Resilience Program Competitive Grants	2.16	2.16	4.32
State Risk Project – Phase IV and V	3.1	3.1	6.2
State Capability Project	0.7	0.7	1.4
State Response & Capability Subcommittee Development	0.1	0.1	0.2
State Community Engagement Subcommittee Development	0.1	0.1	0.2
State Recovery Subcommittee Development	0.1	0.1	0.2
Total estimated budget	6.26	6.26	12.52
less estimated Commonwealth contribution	3.13	3.13	6.26
equals estimated balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	3.13	3.13	6.26
Commonwealth own purpose expense			
Total Commonwealth contribution	3.13	3.13	6.26

## Programme logic

11. The project elements detailed in this Implementation Plan will strengthen Western Australia's resilience to natural disasters and achieve the objectives stated in the National Partnership by recognising the importance of understanding and communicating risks to all levels of the community, as well as enhance capability, response and recovery activities.
12. The programs Western Australia will deliver as outlined in this Implementation Plan will:
- a. Recognise the central place of risk assessment in enhancing resilience by:
    - i. Improving the underlying research, data and systems which inform and improve risk assessments for priority hazards
    - ii. Producing state-level risk assessments for natural hazards by 30 June 2017
  - b. Support activities that will enhance the capability of Western Australian communities including:
    - i. attracting and retaining emergency management volunteers; and

- ii. developing an understanding of and communicating risk to the community in alignment with the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience.

### Risk management

- 13. 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 or Territory Context

- 14. In developing this Implementation Plan consideration has been given to the Western Australian context. Key factors that have influenced the proposed direction are listed below and include:
  - a. The National Strategy for Disaster Resilience, in particular the recognition of the shared responsibility of governments and other organisations in improving disaster resilience.
  - b. Resources have been allocated to align with Western Australia’s strategic priorities, focus and direction.
  - c. Projects will leverage off existing stakeholder relations and programs, and work to develop new partnerships, consistent with the outcomes of the State-level risk assessments and the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience.
  - d. National Emergency Risk Assessment Guidelines and information published in the 2015 State-level risk assessments.
  - e. *AS/NZS ISO 31000 Risk Management – Principles and guidelines.*

## PART 4: PERFORMANCE AND REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

### Milestones

- 15. To qualify for the associated payment, Western Australia must meet the following milestones:

**Table 3: Milestones: project and implementation**

Milestones	Due date	Payment
Commonwealth agreement to Western Australia’s Implementation Plan that clearly demonstrates Western Australia’s strategy to achieve the outcomes and outputs of the National Partnership Agreement, as per clause 17 of the National Partnership Agreement	N/A	\$1.566 million
Commonwealth acceptance of Western Australia’s report demonstrating satisfactory progress against the Performance Indicators	October 2016	\$1.566 million
Commonwealth acceptance of Western Australia’s report demonstrating satisfactory progress against the Performance Indicators	April 2017	\$3.132 million

## Performance Indicators

16. The following performance measures will be collected and reported in the milestones reports:
  - a. Activities/projects approved, commenced and completed at the milestone dates
  - b. Implementation of activities undertaken that address achievement of priority outcomes in the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience.
  - c. Delivery of State-level risk assessments by 30 June 2017.
  - d. Implementation of activities that addresses risks identified in WA's state-level risk assessments.
  - e. Implementation of activities undertaken that enhance the response and capability of WA to withstand the impacts of natural disasters.
  - f. Activities undertaken that enhance the State's ability to recover from emergencies.
  - g. Implementation of activities that contribute to the attraction, support and retention of emergency management volunteers.

## Reporting

17. Western Australia will report against the agreed performance indicators in accordance with Table 3 of this Implementation Plan

Circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought from jurisdictions. 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 jurisdictions and portfolio agencies.

## Review and Evaluation

18. The Implementation Plan will be reviewed in conjunction with the review of the National Partnership with regard to progress made by the Parties in respect of achieving the agreed outcomes.

**Sign off**


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

Signature  Date 3/11/16

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The Hon Joe Francis  
Minister for Emergency Services

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Signature  Date 7/12/16

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The Hon Michael Keenan  
Commonwealth Minister for Justice