

**TOWN OF BASSENDEAN
LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISOR REPORT
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STATE NEWS

STATE CONSULTATION REQUESTS

Draft Western Australian Emergency Management Capability Framework

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) State Capability Team has now completed a comprehensive review of the current State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) Emergency Management Capability Framework. The Framework supports assessment and development of the State's capability to manage emergencies. The review has been supported by an extensive consultation process with subject matter experts, including representatives from across the emergency management sector. A draft Western Australian Emergency Management Capability Framework has been developed to be contemporary with emergency management best practice and consistent with users' evolving needs.

The DFES State EM Policy Branch is conducting consultation via Social Pinpoint.

On the State Emergency Management Policy Branch [Consultation Homepage](#) you can view all current consultations, including the draft Western Australian Emergency Management Capability Framework.

<https://dfes.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/capabilityframework>

On this page you will be able to:

- View information about the consultation process
- Download and view the proposed amendments
- Submit your feedback

Please submit your feedback by COB Friday 3 March 2023.

Local Emergency Management Committee Handbook

The Department of Fire and Emergency Management (DFES) State Emergency Management (EM) Policy branch is conducting this consultation regarding a new resource to assist local government and Local Emergency Management Committee's (LEMCs) to meet their legislative requirements under the *Emergency Management Act 2005 (EM Act)*.

The LEMC Handbook has been developed by the DFES District Emergency Management Advisors to assist the LEMC members, to work towards a standardised approach to the administration and operation of LEMC's across Western Australia (WA). The handbook supports the State EM Procedure section 3.7.

The DFES State EM Policy Branch is conducting consultation via Social Pinpoint.

<https://dfes.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/localemergencymanagementcommitteehandbook>

On this page you will be able to:

- View information about the consultation process
- Download and view the draft LEMC Handbook

- Submit your feedback

Please submit your feedback by COB Tuesday 18 April 2023.

State Support Plan – Emergency Relief and Support (formerly Emergency Welfare)

The Department of Communities (Communities) has undertaken a review of the State Support Plan - Emergency Welfare. To reflect feedback regarding the use of the word 'welfare', the draft Plan has been renamed to the **State Support Plan - Emergency Relief and Support (Plan)**. This includes, where possible, all references to welfare being replaced with emergency relief and support (ERS).

The Plan has been restructured to provide a more logical framework and to make it easier for a reader to understand the scope of ERS services. This includes the roles and responsibilities of Communities and its partners.

The DFES State EM Policy Branch is conducting consultation via Social Pinpoint. On the State Emergency Management Policy Branch [Consultation Homepage](#) you can view all current consultations, including the draft State Support Plan – Emergency Relief and Support.

<https://dfes.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/statesupportplanemergencyreliefandsupport/emergencyreliefandsupport/>

On this page you will be able to:

- View information about the consultation process
- Download and view the draft Plan.
- Submit your feedback

Please submit your feedback by COB Wednesday 26 April 2023.

DRAFT WA COMMUNITY DISASTER RESILIENCE STRATEGY

The draft WA Community Disaster Resilience Strategy is now available for comment and feedback. The document is available for review and download [here](#)

Feedback is invited, with a particular focus on the following:

- Do the guiding principles capture the core considerations for achieving community disaster resilience?
- Do the key objectives and outcomes represent the right outcomes for a community? Are they practical to guide monitoring and evaluation of projects and activities?
- How likely are you to progress any of the initiatives and opportunities?
- How likely are you to integrate or use the Strategy to guide your organisation's activities?
- Is there anything else you would like to see the Strategy address?

Feedback can be provided via email to resilience@dfes.wa.gov.au

DEMC AND LEMC REVIEW

At its August 2022 meeting the SEMC endorsed the proposed project scopes to review the local and district committee structure. The objectives of the review are to:

- Establish clear roles, responsibilities, functions, and governance for DEMCs and LEMCs so they can achieve the strategic objectives of SEMC.
- Identify improvements to the governance arrangements and capabilities that will increase effective and efficient management outcomes.

- Create a shared understanding of the SEMC expectations of DEMCs and LEMCs.

NATIONAL NEWS

AUSTRALIAN DISASTER RESILIENCE CONFERENCE 2023

The Australian Disaster Resilience Conference will be held in Brisbane, Qld from 23 – 24 August 2023. The theme is 'Resilience Reimagined' and calls for abstracts are now open.

The 2023 Australian Disaster Resilience Conference will explore what is possible by coming together to reimagine resilience. The conference will prioritise creative and collaborative approaches being taken across our country and enable us to hear from fresh voices that propose new, innovative ways to foster the disaster resilience our nation needs to thrive in the complex future we know is ahead of us.

[2023 Australian Disaster Resilience Conference | Abstract submissions \(aidr.org.au\)](https://aidr.org.au)

LOCAL NEWS

GRANT PROGRAM UPDATES

The National Disaster Risk Reduction (NDRR) grant program is established under a National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Disaster Risk Reduction (2019-2024). It seeks to proactively reduce the risk and limit the impact of disasters associated with natural hazards on Western Australian communities and economies. The 2022/23 grant round is progressing, and announcements will be made following the completion of the State and Commonwealth approval process.

The 2022-23 round of the All-West Australians Reducing Emergencies (AWARE) grant program is in the final stages of approval.

The SEMC endorsed a two-year schedule for both grant programs:

Year	2023-24		2024-25	
Program	NDRR	AWARE	NDRR	AWARE
Round Open	24 April 2023	16 August 2023	25 April 2024	16 August 2024
Round Close	29 May 2023	20 September 2023	29 May 2024	20 September 2024
Assessment Anticipated announcement	3 July 2023 September 2023	24 October 2023 January 2024	3 July 2024 September 2024	25 October 2024 January 2025

Further information on the NDRR and AWARE grant programs is available at <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/state-emergency-management-committee/apply-grant-the-all-west-australians-reducing-emergencies-aware-program>

Please contact semc.grants@dfes.wa.gov.au for further information on the grant programs.

GRANT WEBINAR

The State Emergency Management Committee and the National Emergency Management Agency will host a webinar to provide an overview of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Program and the Disaster Ready Australia Fund. This webinar will help give an understanding of both programs and encourage applications from the WA Community Service Organisations and Local Governments.

Both agencies will discuss program eligibility and provide the opportunity for the sector to ask questions. The webinar will include a short presentation from recently successful NDRR application from the community sector. Joining the webinar will be Disaster Risk Reduction and Disability Advocate, Clare Gibellini, who will provide a short presentation on emergency management planning and disability inclusion.

Webinar Details

Date: Wednesday 8 March 2023

Time: 10:00am - 11:30am

This webinar will be held online via Zoom. Register here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/disaster-grant-funding-opportunities-2023>

A link to access the webinar will be sent out the day prior to the event.

2023 SEMC MEETING SCHEDULE

- 8 March 2023
- 3 May 2023
- 2 August 2023
- 4 October 2023
- 6 December 2023

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