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KNOWLEDGE WEEK



DAY TWO

Local leadership

2 - 4.30PM AEST | 25 AUGUST 2020





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**Council ready – driving disaster risk
reduction at scale**



Emergency Management
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Council Ready driving risk reduction at scale

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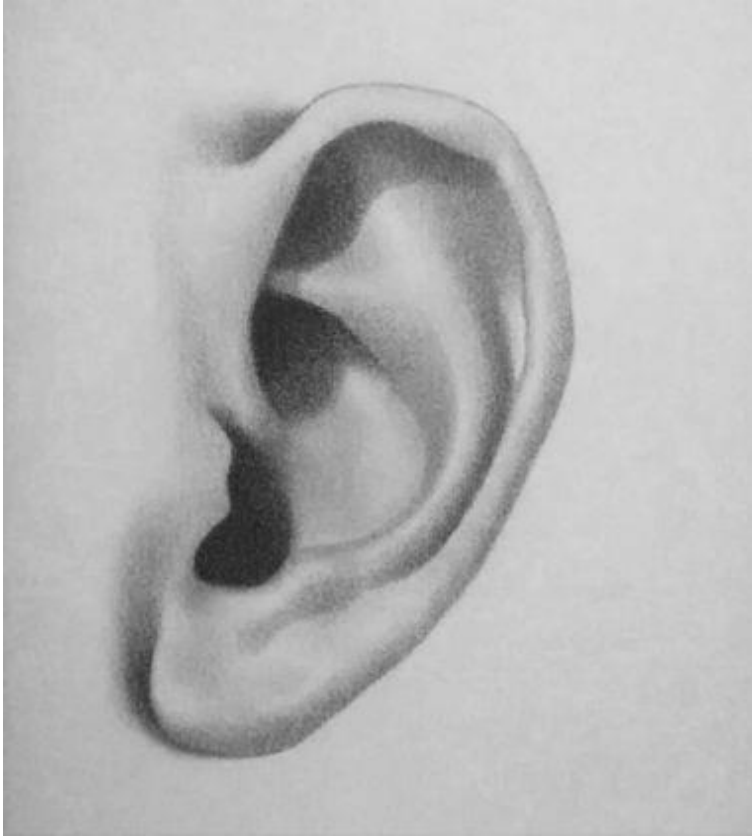


HELP!



How can we help?
What do you
need?

What would you do?



What we did

- 68 councils
- 550 people

What they told us

How councils contribute to emergency management

The everyday business of councils make an important contribution to disaster risk reduction, incident operations, and supporting communities in long term recovery. In this way, emergency management is part of what councils do, rather than something extra for councils to do.



Emergency Management Maturity Model

Leading

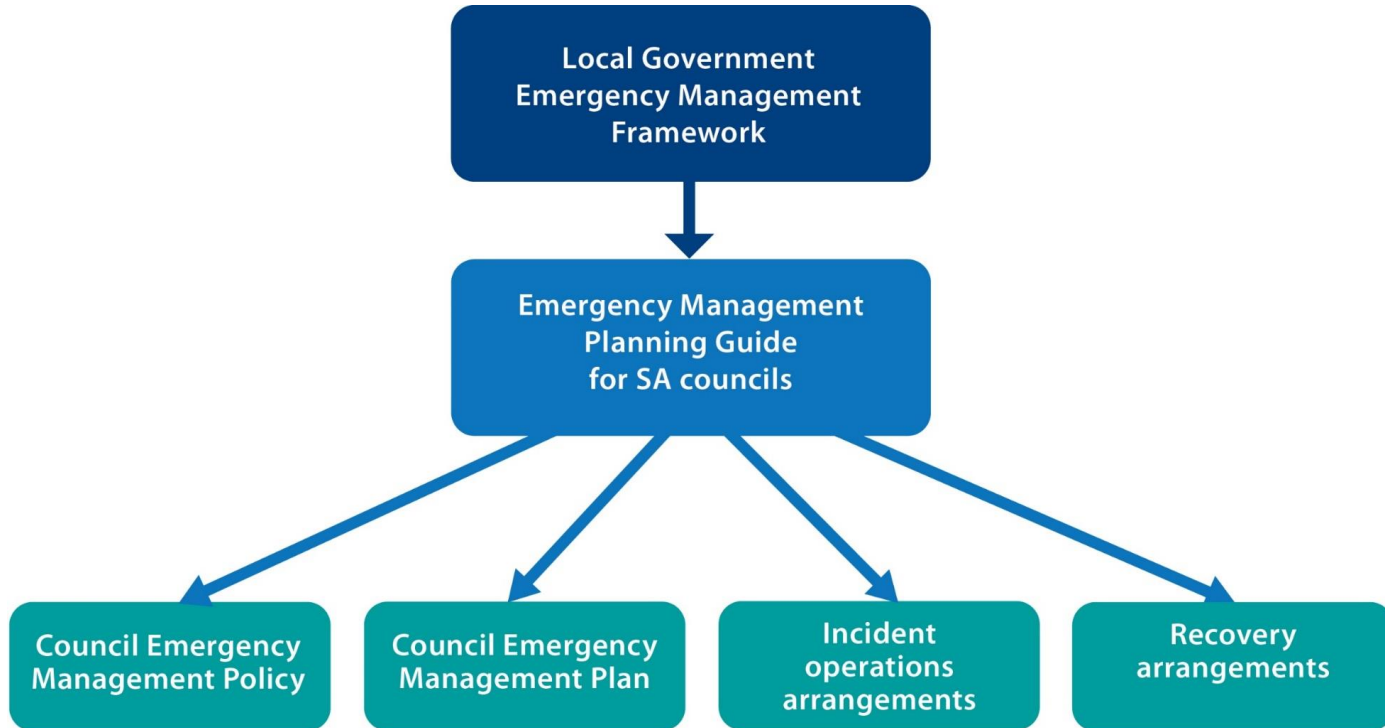
Advancing

Managing

Operating



What we did then ...



65 Councils





100+
workshops

700+ staff
involved



Policy Reference Number:	1.8
Classification:	General
First Issued / Approved:	
Review Frequency:	After the general election – every 4 years
Last Reviewed:	
Next Review Date:	
Responsible Officer:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Applicable legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1999, Emergency Management Act 2004 See Annexure 1 for further applicable legislation</i>
Related policies:	Policy 3.1 Risk Management Policy This policy supersedes Policy 1.8 Provision of Council resources to support the Emergency Services in Emergencies Policy
Related documents:	Incident Operations Arrangements DC Robe Emergency Management Plan

1. Introduction

Emergencies have the potential to disrupt the strategic and operational activities of Council and adversely impact communities.

The roles of local government in emergency management are informed by the State Emergency Management Plan¹ (SEMP) and the Local Government Emergency Management Framework (LGEMF)². They are enabled by the Local Government Act 1999, which outlines the requirement for councils to consider risks (including emergency risks) as follows:

- make informed decisions (section 6);
- take measures to protect their area from natural hazards (section 7);
- provide infrastructure for community and for development (section 7);
- ensure the sustainability of the council's long-term financial performance (section 8);
- assess the maintenance, replacement or development needs for infrastructure (section 122);
- identify anticipated or predicted changes in any factors that make a significant contribution to the costs of the council's activities or operations (section 122).

¹ <https://www.slsa.gov.au/resources/files/semplan/2015-emergency-management-plan/15-emergency-management-plan.pdf>
² https://www.lga.nsw.gov.au/resources/files/LGEMF_202223_v18_Local%20Government%20Emergency%20Management%20Framework%202021%20update.pdf

17 + Policy

MITCHAM

Emergency Management

Adopted by Council 25 February 2020

public



Emergency Management Plans



Response documents





Debriefs

Have we helped
?

Workshop Feedback

“clearer understanding of council's role in pre, during, and post emergency situations”

“there was no specific most enjoyable part, I thought the whole session was good”

“The passion to improve. The sharing across the sector”

“Realising we have a way forward with LGA assistance”

Monitoring and Evaluation Results

65 councils with Action Plans

89% of 32 survey respondents feel supported

What we heard:

Remaining flexible to meet the differing needs of councils is extremely important.

**Survey respondent,
regional council**

This is about making sure that there is an understanding throughout council that emergency management is everyone's responsibility.

**Interviewee,
regional council**

The process is driving clarity around expectations of the role of local government in emergency management.

**Interviewee,
metropolitan council**

It's really injecting motivation and enthusiasm into our emergency management planning.

**Interviewee,
metropolitan council**



Benefits

- Better alignment of plans
- Disaster risks now seen as strategic risks
- EM becoming 'core business'
- Interest in community resilience – *Community Ready*

Take away messages

- Ask, don't tell
- Be flexible
- Deliver

Council Ready Team

SA Local Government Emergency Management Framework

<https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/news-and-events/news/latest-news/local-government-emergency-management-framework-2019-update>

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