Disaster Risk Reduction Package

National Project Proposal

This form is used to identify project proposals under the Disaster Risk Reduction Package, which provides funding for nationally significant initiatives that reduce systemic disaster risk at the national level in line with the priorities, outcomes and goals of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework. These will be initiatives that proactively reduce the risk and limit the impact of disasters associated with natural hazards on Australian communities and economies.

Sufficient information should be provided to enable an informed decision about the merits of the proposed project. Additional guidance on national disaster risk reduction initiatives, project evaluation and approval processes, and assessment criteria is included at the end of this document.

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| Overview |
| *Provide a concise overview of the proposed project including brief description, objective, rationale (justification) including demonstrated need or capability gap, and strategic alignment to the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework including specific priorities, outcomes and goals that the project will address.* |
| Agency | [Insert name] | **ABN** | [Insert number] |
| Sponsor  | [Insert details of ANZEMC / Resilience Reference Group member if project is proposed to be undertaken by a non-government body, or write Not applicable] |
| Project title | [Insert short title] |
| Description | [Insert succinct project description] |
| Timeframe | **Project Duration** | **Proposed commencement date** | **Proposed completion date** |
| [Insert months] | [Insert date] | [Insert date] |
| Objective | [Insert project objective] |
| Rationale / Justification | [Insert details including demonstrated need or capability gap, and coherence with other known initiatives, programs or activities (i.e. complements, supports or aligns with, but does not duplicate)] |
| Alignment to National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework | [Insert details including specific priorities, outcomes and goals of the framework that the project will address] |

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| Expected outcomes |
| *Identify expected outcomes including impacts, benefits or improvements that the project seeks to achieve.* |
| [Insert details] |

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| Outputs and scope |
| *Identify outputs to be delivered. Indicate any specific provisions about the scope of the project and what it will and will not deliver.* |
| [Insert details] |

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| Approach |
| *Outline the approach to be used to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs including key activities and timeframes.*  |
| [Insert details] |
| Activity | **Proposed completion date** |
| [Insert details] | [Insert date] |
| [Insert details, add rows as required] | [Insert date] |

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| Ability and capacity to deliver |
| *Outline capacity to deliver the project within proposed timeframe and budget including relevant capabilities, skills and experience. Provide details if the project is to be undertaken with another organisation or sub‑contractor.* |
| [Insert details] |

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| Stakeholder engagement |
| *Provide an overview of key stakeholders and engagement strategy, including consultations to date on the proposed project.*  |
| [Insert details] |

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| Costs |
| *Provide a breakdown of estimated costs for the proposed project.* |
| Description | **Amount (GST exclusive)** |
| [Insert details] | $ |
| [Insert details, add rows as required] | $ |
| Total | **$** |

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| Funding |
| *Indicate funding sought from the Disaster Risk Reduction Package and other sources, including financial or in‑kind contributions from project partners.*  |
| Contribution | **2022-23 (GST ex)** | **2023-24 (GST ex)** |
| Disaster Risk Reduction Package  | $ | $ |
| [Insert details, add rows as required] | $ | $ |
| Sub-total | $ | $ |
| Total | **$** |

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| Governance |
| *Outline proposed governance arrangements to effectively manage the project and ensure desired outcomes are achieved.*  |
| [Insert details] |

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| Risks |
| *Outline project risks and proposed mitigation strategies.*  |
| Risk | **Impact** | **Mitigation strategy** |
| [Insert details] | [Insert details] | [Insert details] |
| [Insert details, add rows as required] | [Insert details] | [Insert details] |

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| Implementation and sustainability |
| *Outline how the project will be implemented and sustained nationally, including how outputs will be maintained and/or incorporated into existing practices.* |
| [Insert details] |

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| Evaluation and learnings |
| *Outline the proposed evaluation strategy and performance indicators to determine the success of the project and its outcomes.*  |
| [Insert details] |

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| Project contact details |
| Name | [Insert details] |
| Position | [Insert details] |
| Agency | [Insert details] |
| Phone | [Insert details] |
| Email | [Insert details] |

Guidance

### National disaster risk reduction activities

The national component of the Disaster Risk Reduction Package will fund nationally significant initiatives that reduce systemic disaster risk at the national level in line with the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework. These will be initiatives that proactively reduce the risk and limit the impact of disasters associated with natural hazards on Australian communities and economies.

The national component will deliver on the priorities, five‑year outcomes and 2030 goals of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework across Australia’s built, social, natural and economic environments, to:

* take action to reduce existing disaster risk
* minimise the creation of future disaster risk, and
* equip decision makers with the capabilities and information they need to reduce disaster risk and manage residual risk.

National projects:

* are those considered to have significant national and cross-jurisdictional effect, impact or influence, and
* must demonstrate how they contribute to achieving the priorities, five-year outcomes and 2030 disaster risk reduction goals of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework.

Natural hazards are natural processes or phenomena that may cause loss of life, injury or other health impacts, property damage, social and economic disruption or environmental degradation. Natural hazards include bushfires, floods, cyclones, storms, heatwaves, earthquakes and tsunamis.

Projects funded under the national component could include, but are not limited to:

* activities that support individuals, communities and/or small businesses to understand and take action to address disaster risk and impacts
* inclusive community partnership projects with diverse stakeholders (including Indigenous Australians, people with disability, and culturally and linguistically diverse communities)
* research, innovation and knowledge initiatives to improve awareness, understanding and engagement on disaster risk and impacts (including hazard, exposure, vulnerability, capacity and environment)
* development of national technologies, systems and capabilities (including improved disaster risk information and data collection, hazard mapping and modelling, risk assessment tools, decision support systems, and emergency warning communications)
* development and review of national standards, codes and guidelines to minimise the creation of future disaster risk
* establishment of sector-specific professional development and guidance materials to build the capability of practitioners and decision makers to make disaster risk informed decisions (including land-use planning, building, construction and infrastructure), and
* creation of governance structures and planning frameworks to advance disaster risk reduction.

Multi-year funding could be considered for longer projects, with funding available under the Disaster Risk Reduction Package until 2023‑24.

### Project assessment and approval

National projects to deliver on the priorities, outcomes and goals of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework will be identified through the Australian Government Disaster and Climate Resilience Reference Group and Australia‑New Zealand Emergency Management Committee.

A project evaluation team comprising representatives from the National Emergency Management Agency, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, and Australia‑New Zealand Emergency Management Committee will assess and prioritise the identified projects based on a number of considerations including need, merit, value for money and risk. The team will develop an evaluation report outlining the evaluation process and national projects recommended for funding.

The National Emergency Management Agency will provide advice on the recommended projects to the Minister for Emergency Management, or the Minister’s delegate, for approval.

### Assessment criteria

Projects will be selected based on the following considerations:

* National and cross-jurisdictional effect, impact or influence
* Contribution to achieving the priorities, outcomes and goals of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework across Australia’s built, social, natural and economic environments, to:
	+ take action to reduce existing disaster risk
	+ minimise the creation of future disaster risk, and
	+ equip decision makers with the capabilities and information they need to reduce disaster risk and manage residual risk
* Demonstrated need or capability gap
	+ coherence of proposed projects with other initiatives, programs or activities and no duplication in Australian Government funding
* Demonstrated ability and capacity of lead agency to deliver the project
* Feedback received from consultation with the Commonwealth, states and territories
* Risk assessment, and
* Value for money (including for example, costs, benefits, practical application and expected utilisation, ongoing maintenance and sustainability, collaboration and contributions from other parties).