



Update on the Government response to the Wooroloo review

PROGRESS REPORT

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Acronyms and abbreviations

DFES: Department of Fire & Emergency Services

DPLH: Department of Planning, Land & Heritage

SBAC: State Bushfire Advisory Council

DBCA: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

FPAA: Fire Protection Association of Australia

IBOC: Interagency Bushfire Operations Committee

ICC: Incident Control Centre

DMIRS: Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

WaPol: WA Police

ACEF: Area of Community Engagement Focus

TM: Traffic Management

SEMC: State Emergency Management Committee

BRMP: Bushfire Risk Management Planning

TAMO: Traffic Access & Management Officer

WALGA: WA Local Government Association

TWS: Telephone Warning System

Project updates key

Green milestone = COMPLETE

Orange milestone = IN PROGRESS

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the second update on the Government response to the Wooroloo review.

In May 2022, DFES established the Wooroloo Implementation Coordination Group (WICG) to oversee the Government's response to the review. The WICG has developed these public-facing reporting documents in direct response to stakeholder feedback to keep agency staff, bushfire sector stakeholders and the WA community informed and updated on progress. The WICG aim to release these Wooroloo updates every 3–4 months.

In February this year, Minister for Emergency Services the Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC requested the State Bushfire Advisory Council (SBAC) “ensure the implementation of the recommendations of the Wooroloo Review.” This provides a level of independent and objective oversight on the work done in response to the review's recommendations. SBAC will receive project updates across all recommendations and will endorse or note project closures upon their completion.

Since the March 2023 update, 2 projects (recommendations 9 and 13) have been closed and others have seen significant milestones completed. The recent southern WA bushfire season, and in particular, the protracted Kimberley flooding event, has placed a strain on resources across DFES and the broader emergency management sector, particularly over the first quarter of 2023. This has caused significant impact in some cases, which has resulted in delays to the completion of some project milestones.

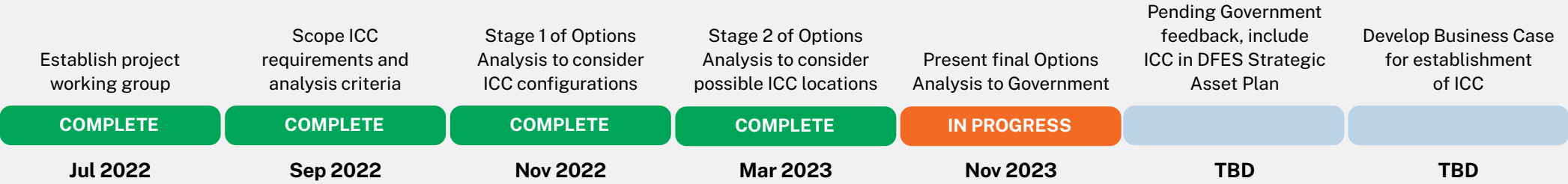
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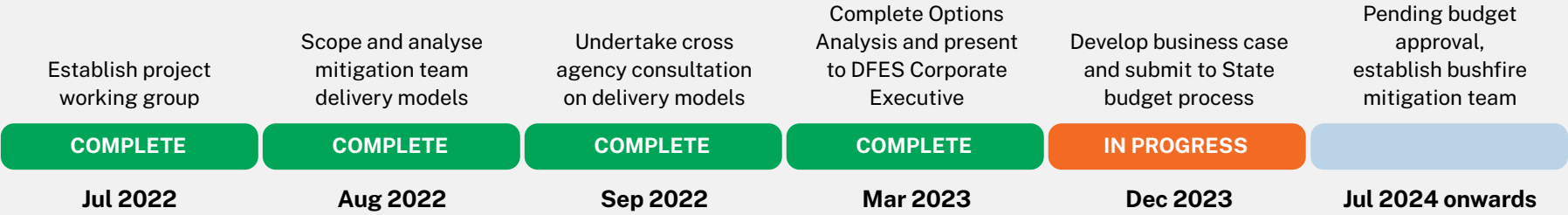
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RECOMMENDATION 7



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Undertake multi-agency workshop to scope improvements	Seek endorsement for priority improvements	Deliver phase 1 of TAMO training	Develop guidance to improve TM contractor management	Deliver improvements to RAP arrangements	Develop and deliver Phase 2 of TAMO training	Develop communications package for Traffic Management	Update doctrine and procedures as required
COMPLETE	COMPLETE	COMPLETE	COMPLETE	COMPLETE	IN PROGRESS		
Jun 2022	Aug 2022	Sep 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023



RECOMMENDATION 8



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Establish cross-agency steering groups to scope approach	Identify and prioritise improvement opportunities	Establish cross-agency data sharing arrangements	Develop communications strategy to guide Incident Management Teams	Operating Principles document outlining road clearing standards	Develop communications strategy for community members	Establish common doctrine for tree risks and road inspections	Identify heavy plant support options from industry and the private sector
COMPLETE	COMPLETE	COMPLETE	COMPLETE		IN PROGRESS	IN PROGRESS	
Jul 2022	Sep 2022	Dec 2022	Dec 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023

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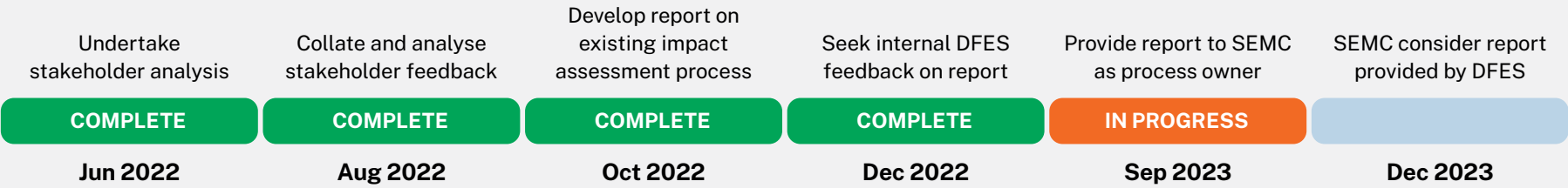
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Scan national telecommunications arrangements and fund sources	Identify strategic linkages with communications investment projects	Align opportunities to existing DFES resources and business programs	Continue cross-agency and national discussions on telecommunications resilience
COMPLETE	COMPLETE	COMPLETE	IN PROGRESS
Sep 2022	Dec 2022	Mar 2023	Ongoing

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RECOMMENDATION 13



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Review existing TWS procedures and arrangements	Consult with key emergency operations roles	Update procedural documentation	Apply new TWS arrangements	Improve TWS alignment with Emergency WA (Rec 12)
COMPLETE	COMPLETE	COMPLETE	COMPLETE	IN PROGRESS
Ju1 2022	Aug 2022	Nov 2022	Dec onwards	Ongoing to 2026

