

State Emergency Management Documents Amendments List March 2024

On 6 March 2024, the Response Policy Subcommittee endorsed refined Water Corporation role and responsibilities statements within the State Emergency Management Plans following review and targeted consultation with each Hazard Management Agency.

The SEMC Executive Officer approved the statement of fact amendments to the State Emergency Management Plan on 27 March 2024 (SEMC Resolution Number 17/2021). Subsequent amendments to other State Emergency Management Plans will be made upon comprehensive review of each plan.

Minor formatting amendments were made to support the accessibility of the document, also described below.

Redactions are shown in ~~red strikethrough text~~ and additions are shown with highlighted underlined text. Page numbers listed correspond with the current document. Please email semc.policylegislation@dfes.wa.gov.au to provide feedback or comment.

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Page	Section	Amendment to Plan	Comment
NA	Throughout	Heading formats amended throughout to meet accessibility guidelines.	Some content was shifted and 2 pages were removed.
63	Objectives of Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">assist recovery at the social, built, economic and natural environmentsensure that recovery activities are community-ledensure that available government and non-government support to affected communities is targetedassist communities to rebuild in a way that enhances social, built, economic and natural environment values where possible, improve resilience of the relevant communities<u>improve resilience of the relevant communities</u>ensure that lessons learnt through the recovery process are captured and available to managers of future recovery processes (Tasmanian Bushfire Programs for Recovery, January 2013).	Typo/error amended. Error has been in the State EM Plan since at least 2018. Confirmed with the archived State EM Policy 4.4 Recovery coordination policy, these objectives were listed as two separate bullets. Now reflects the State Recovery objectives listed across other State EM documents, such as the Local Recovery Guideline.

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107	Appendix E: 4. Service Providers: Water Corporation: Role	<p>Water Corporation's core business is water source, treatment and delivery, wastewater conveyance, water resource recovery, drainage and irrigation services in Western Australia to homes, businesses and farms within its area of responsibility¹⁶. Water Corporation provides advice and support to the HMA on water and wastewater services, as applicable.</p> <p>Notes: 16 It should be noted that Water Corporation is the principal, but not the only provider of water supply, wastewater, drainage and irrigation services in Western Australia. Licenced Local Government Authorities, Busselton Water, AqWest and Hamersley Iron are also water services providers in Western Australia. A full list of licenced and exempted water services providers is available on the Economic Regulatory Authority website.</p> <p>The Water Corporation of WA is the responsible agency for emergency management planning for a failure of a Water Corporation dam and is re-quired to liaise with other HMAs to ensure coordination of response opera-tions with regards to dambreak.</p> <p>Other duties include protecting and maintaining the water supply, sewer age, drainage and irrigation services, and providing advice and support to the HMA on water pollution and hydraulic services aspects of collapse emergencies.</p>	Refined Water Corporation role statement

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107	Appendix E: 4. Service Providers: Water Corporation: Responsibilities	<p>Prevention and Preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor water supplies to ensure public safety. • Ensure security of Water Corporation assets. • <u>Participate in district and local emergency management and planning committees.</u> • <u>Plan for the provision of alternative safe drinking water, as required.</u> Sample drinking water supplies for testing and provide alternative safe drinking water, if needed. • <u>Develop and maintain arrangements to protect and ensure the security and resilience of its critical water assets.</u>¹⁷ As a dam owner, develop and maintain an emergency plan specific to a dambreak occurring at all high and significant hazard dams. <p>Preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a representative on local and district planning committees, where practicable. • Provide advice on non-local authority water supply, <u>wastewater</u>, drainage sewerage and public irrigation systems. <p>Notes: <u>16 Security of Critical Infrastructure Act 2018 (Commonwealth) section 5.</u></p>	Refined Water Corporation prevention and preparedness responsibilities

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107-108	Appendix E: 4. Service Providers: Water Corporation: Responsibilities	<p>Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in ISG, OASG and SECG meetings, as requested. • <u>Provide advice to the HMA on water and wastewater services.</u> • Assist with the provision of potable water to affected communities until normal services are restored. • Provide a liaison officer(s) and other trained staff to operations and coordination centres, <u>or control points</u> as requested and appropriate. • <u>Minimise disruption to the water supply and wastewater system, and the impact to people, properties and the environment from interruptions, contaminations and overflows.</u> • <u>Assist with the supply of water to incident areas through the provision of tanker access to Water Corporation resources (e.g., standpipes, pipelines, and reservoirs).</u> • <u>Be contactable on a 24/7 basis.</u> • Provide or assist in the acquisition of resources and engineering services including earthmoving machinery and operators. • Provide information on local conditions and hazards, environmental and water issues associated with waste disposal. 	Refined Water Corporation Response responsibilities

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108	Appendix E: 4. Service Providers: Water Corporation: Responsibilities	Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restore Water Corporation water supplies and wastewater systems in consultation with the HMA or the designated recovery coordinator. Restore water supplies and sewerage systems as prioritised by the HMA or the designated recovery coordinator. Ensure water quality delivered by the system meets appropriate health standards <u>or</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> assist with the provision of safe drinking water to affected communities within its area of responsibility, until normal water services are restored. Provide information or participate in post-operation debriefs as required by the HMA. Assist with the long-term clean-up, when required. Secure the site for public safety. 	Refined Water Corporation Recovery responsibilities
111	Appendix F: Functional Responsibilities: Specific Activity for Water Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water supply– Restoration of water supplies and sewerage systems and provision of potable water <u>within its area of responsibility</u> <u>Wastewater conveyance</u> 	Terminology aligned to new Water Corporation roles and responsibilities in Appendix E
114	Appendix F: Functional Responsibilities: Management of Hazardous Materials	Responsible Agency listed for Decontamination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Chemical</u>: DFES/Department of Water and Environmental Regulation/ChemCentre WA/Department of Health <u>Biological</u>: DFES/Department of Health/DPIRD <u>Radiological</u>: DFES/Radiation Health 	Inclusion of specific activity to clearly assign each to a responsible agency. Formatting through spacing previously used not meeting accessibility guidelines.