

## State Emergency Management Documents Amendments List March 2025

On 13 March 2025, the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) approved amendments to **State Hazard Plan – Human Biosecurity** (resolution number 17/2025) following a comprehensive review undertaken by the Department of Health. A new version was published on 27 March 2025.

On 13 March 2025, the SEMC approved amendments to **State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies** (resolution number 18/2025) following a comprehensive review undertaken by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development. A new version was published on 24 March 2025.

The **State Hazard Plan - Fire** was also approved for a comprehensive review extension until August 2025 to allow for further consideration of consultation feedback (resolution number 11/2025). A minor version number update has been allocated to acknowledge the review extension; however all content remains the same.

Amendments are summarised in the tables below. Due to the comprehensive nature of both of these reviews and a large number of amendments, specific tracked changes are unable to be shown. Please email [semc.policylegislation@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:semc.policylegislation@dfes.wa.gov.au) to provide feedback or comment.

### State Hazard Plan – Human Biosecurity **Version 3.00**

#### Summary of Amendments

- Clarification of scope around chemical, biological and radiological (CBR) events, and arrangements for hostile or terrorist acts.
- Distinguishing recovery arrangements for human epidemic and, separately, biological incidents.
- Redefining agencies' capability baseline considerations.
- Incorporating components of the Western Australian Government Pandemic Plan (WAGPP) as a pre-emptor to this document being integrated into the State EM Framework.
- Adopting contemporary changes following the COVID-19 response and associated after-action reviews.
- Increased engagement with agencies that support at-risk cohorts, and agencies that support first nations people.
- Appendix C: Roles and Responsibilities re-written for each agency and organisation across the prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery spectrum.

## State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies **Version 3.00**

### Summary of Amendments

- Acknowledgement of the need to provide information and resources in culturally and linguistically appropriate formats for persons evacuating with animals
- Inclusion of a statement that all actions provided as part of an animal welfare response, following activation of the SSP, will cease as soon as practicable after an emergency and the responsibility for care of animals be returned to the owner/carer
- Inclusion of biosecurity considerations in the management of evacuated animals
- Acknowledgment of the potential to use telehealth technologies for remote assessment of non-evacuated impacted animals during a response
- Removal of reference to the *Emergency Management Act 2005* provisions to appoint authorised officers during a State of Emergency to carry out euthanasia activities, as the Plan already provides specific arrangements for this supported by the *Animal Welfare Act 2002*
- Removal of the reference to the Animal Welfare Emergency Group Terms of Reference as the functions have now merged with the Committee for Animal Welfare in Emergencies (CAWE)
- Clarification of DPIRD and State Animal Welfare in Emergencies Coordinator (SAWEC) roles and responsibilities across preparedness, response, and recovery
- Amendments to identify that liaison with relevant Local Government Authorities is required to ensure existing local and district emergency animal welfare plans or Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) are included in the DPIRD animal welfare response.