

State Emergency Management Documents Amendments List August 2025

On 7 August 2025, the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) approved amendments to **State Hazard Plan – Fire** (resolution number 50/2025) following a comprehensive review undertaken by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. A new version was published on 21 August 2025.

The **State Hazard Plan – HAZMAT Annex B Space Re-Entry Debris (SPRED)** was also approved for a comprehensive review extension until December 2025 to allow for broad consultation to occur (resolution number 46/2025). A minor version (3.03) was published on 25 August 2025 to acknowledge the review extension, however all content remains the same.

Amendments are summarised below. Due to the comprehensive nature of the review and a large number of amendments, specific tracked changes are unable to be shown. Please email semc.policylegislation@dfes.wa.gov.au to provide feedback or comment.

State Hazard Plan – Fire **Version 3.00**

Document-wide summary of amendments

- Restructure of sections using principle of shared responsibility, to provide clarity of responsibilities and arrangements applicable across WA.
- Change reference of Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) to DBCA.
- Removed DFES specific/operational details, instead refers to arrangements and actions across agencies involved in fire management.
- Removed references to documents and programs subject to impermanence.

Part One: Introduction

- Broadened scope to identify target audience.
- Refined hazard definition consistent with *Emergency Management Act 2005*
- Removed divisions between ‘types’ of fire (sections titled bushfire, property fire and shipboard fires removed).
- Introduced key stakeholder groups, ‘Owners and occupiers’, ‘Private sector and industry’, and ‘State agencies and public authorities’.
- Added additional related documents and legislation in section 1.4.

- Removed DFES specific detail from 1.5 Assurance Activities, section renamed 'Continuous improvement'.

Part Two: Prevention and Mitigation

- Restructured section, Responsibility for Prevention and Mitigation, by key stakeholder groups as identified in introduction.
- Removed all specific mitigation strategy subsections – level of detail is not in line with principles or sustainable. Replaced with summary of types of strategies and agencies involved.
- Added new subsection on Bushfire Risk Management Plans 2.2.1.

Part Three: Preparedness

- Restructured section, Responsibility for Preparedness, in line with previous section and principle of shared responsibility set out in Part One: Introduction.
- Community Education and Information content now under section 3.2 Preparing the Community.
- Preparedness Arrangements section has been restructured to provide further clarity of arrangements at different levels (local, regional/district, state and Inter-jurisdictional support arrangements).
- Incident Management Team Structure section moved to Part Four: Response.
- New section, 3.4 Preparing for Response – outlines Controlling Agencies resourcing responsibilities, including training personnel to the minimum training standard recommended by the HMA. Access to the minimum training standards is available via the QR code provided within the Plan, on the [DFES website](#) or by contacting DFES.

Part Four: Response

- Restructured to introduce section with Responsibility for Response in line with previous sections.
- Added section 4.1.4 Controlling Agencies, to improve clarity of jurisdiction and areas of responsibility, including Commonwealth land.
- Restructure of sections under new heading, 4.2 Incident Management, for improved cohesiveness - content of these sections has not changed significantly but sub-heading titles have been amended.
- Renamed Response Arrangements to 4.3 Resourcing Arrangements and restructured in line with previous sections, to improve clarity of arrangements at different levels.
- New section, 4.4 Transfer of Control created to improve clarity of arrangements and requirements.

- Restructure and rename of sections - Emergency Public Information and Funding Arrangements for Response, keeping language in line with State EM Policy and Plan (includes updated AWS warnings). Also now split into separate sections, 4.5 Public Information and Warnings, and 4.8 Funding Arrangements for Response.
- New section, 4.6 Controlling Movement within an Operational Area, which encompasses pre-existing sections outlining evacuation arrangements.
- New section 4.7 Declaration of an Emergency Situation and State of Emergency, outlining powers regarding these declarations.

Part Five: Recovery

- Sections restructured in consultation with DFES State Recovery and State Support Plan – Emergency Relief and Support in line with broader State EM Framework.

Appendices

- Appendix B revised and updated.
- Appendix C revised and updated sections. Highlighted contribution and involvement of supporting agencies roles and responsibilities.
- Appendix D Initial Controlling Agency by Area of Responsibility, new appendix to outline the initial controlling agency.
- Appendices E (previously D & E) and F revised to provide clarity on the arrangements for change of Controlling Agency between DFES, local governments and DBCA.