

October 2025

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) met on 9 October 2025.

2026-29 SEMC Strategic Plan

The SEMC Chair, Brett Chaloner, advised members that the 2026-29 SEMC Strategic Plan has been released on the SEMC website. The plan will be supported by annual implementation plans, with the 2026 Implementation Plan due for SEMC consideration at the December 2025 meeting.

Presentation

Release of the National Climate Risk Assessment | Australian Climate Service

The National Climate Risk Assessment (NCRA) was released on 15 September 2025, in conjunction with Australia's first National Adaptation Plan (NAP). The NCRA represents Australia's first comprehensive assessment of climate risks while the NAP outlines a national approach to climate adaptation.

The Australian Climate Service provided an overview the NCRA highlighting that every part of Australian society is already being impacted by climate change and that compounding and cascading hazards will increase, reducing time between the experience of hazards.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) provided an overview of the NAP, developed by the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. The NAP intends to address the priority risks identified in the NCRA, identifies the Commonwealth's priorities for adaptation across the key systems and responds to those risks identified as nationally significant (those severe enough to have a national impact and require a coordinated national response).

Over the next 12 months, the Commonwealth will develop an action agenda for the NAP to give effect to the priorities identified.

The Climate Change Subcommittee will consider the NCRA and the NAP in further detail and report back to the SEMC in March 2026.

Discussion Items and Outcomes

Proposed Allocations of Royalties For Regions Funding from the Mitigation Activity Fund for 2025/26

The governance model for the Royalties for Regions Mitigation Activity Fund grants requires the SEMC to provide oversight of funding proposals.

The SEMC reviewed and approved the proposal submitted by the Department of Lands, Planning and Heritage (DPLH) for the 2025/26 funding allocations for mitigation activities. DPLH will now proceed to allocate the approved funds for the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures.

AUKUS Briefing and Discussion

Linda Dawson, Head of the Office of Defence Industries at the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, provided the SEMC with an overview of AUKUS preparations.

The SEMC will consider the governance structures in place through the Office of the Defence Industries, and the SEMC Nuclear-Powered Warship Time-Limited Working Group, and may develop a revised committee structure for consideration in December.

Comprehensive Review Schedule

The following State Emergency Management documents are planned for comprehensive review and broad consultation in 2025/2026:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Hazard Plan – HAZMAT Annex B Space Re-entry Debris (SPRED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WA Community Evacuation in Emergencies Guideline
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Hazard Plan – HAZMAT Annex A Nuclear Powered Warship (NPW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Hazard Plan – Animal and Plant Biosecurity
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Hazard Plan – Hostile Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Hazard Plan - Collapse
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Hazard Plan – Earthquake	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Hazard Plan – Maritime Environmental Emergencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Hazard Plan – Tsunami	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Support Plan – Emergency Public Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Hazard Plan – Cyber Security Incident	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Recovery Guideline
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Support Plan – Freight and Supply Chain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Impact Statement Guideline and Template
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WA Managing Exercising Guideline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State EM Policy and Plan

Next Meeting of the SEMC

The next meeting of SEMC will be held on 4 December 2025.

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