

State EM Documents Amendment List Consequential Amendments as at 16/12/2025

On 04 December 2025, the revised State Recovery Arrangements were submitted to SEMC for approval following a comprehensive review of the recovery chapters State EM Policy, Plan and Procedure.

This document outlines consequential amendments across the State Emergency Management (EM) Policy, Plan, Procedures, and Glossary following the comprehensive review of recovery arrangements conducted in 2024–2025. The amendments ensure alignment with the revised recovery framework, governance structures, and operational processes. The following sections summarise the amendments with Redactions are shown in ~~red strikethrough text~~ and additions are shown within underlined-highlighted text. **Note:** Page numbers listed refer to the previous document.

Consequential amendments to State Hazard Plans, State Support Plans and Guidelines will be progressively incorporated as part of routine document reviews under business-as-usual arrangements (see the implementation schedule provided at the end of this document).

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General Amendments

Key changes introduced within the revised recovery chapters and appendices in the State EM Policy, Plan and Procedure include:

- State Strategic Recovery Priorities established to guide governance, planning, and delivery of recovery in WA.
- Model for Recovery Coordination introduced to define recovery coordination arrangements between State and local governments through a four-tiered framework (R1 – R4), supported by the Recovery Level Assessment Tool.
- Defined Leadership Roles
 - DFES recognised as Lead Agency for State-level recovery coordination, supporting a whole-of-government approach to recovery preparedness and operations.
 - Minister for Emergency Services recognised as Lead Minister for recovery.
 - New Position - Event Recovery Coordinator is appointed by the Minister for Emergency Services in a recovery level 3 event (R3) to coordinate recovery and prepare a State Recovery Plan for that event.

Recovery Roles and Responsibilities Clarified

- Local Government leads recovery in R1 and R2 events; and in R3 and R4 events focuses on local recovery activities and community engagement.
- State Recovery Coordinator is a standing position that supports local governments to enhance their capability and capacity to manage recovery. In R1 and R2 recovery events, the State Recovery Coordinator also provides state-level coordination where required.
- Event Recovery Controller is appointed by the Premier to coordinate R4 recovery events. The Premier may delegate additional powers or authority to the Controller at the time of appointment.
- Hazard Management Agencies are responsible for commencing recovery and transitioning coordination of recovery activities to local government, or a State-level recovery coordinator / controller where appointed.
- State Agencies have a responsibility to support recovery within their portfolio and may be asked to assist with delivering recovery activities and programs. Some agencies have been assigned specific recovery responsibilities including:
 - as member of the State Recovery Coordination Group (SRCG) or the four State Recovery Domains.
 - to assist in a technical recovery functional area (e.g. clean-up).

Clarified processes and procedures

- Refreshed State-level governance structure (SRCG and Domains) with standing membership.
- Introduced referral mechanism for complex issues from the SRCG to Executive Government.
- Greater emphasis on community engagement by State and local governments but leaving the specific model unprescribed.
- Updated public information arrangements to reflect current practice where DFES, rather than the State Emergency Public Information Coordinator (SEPIC), coordinates state-level recovery public information where required to assist local government / State Recovery Coordinator / SRCG. Where requested, or there is a public information plan in place, State agencies should liaise with DFES prior to releasing recovery related public information.
- Requirement for key transition phases to be managed and coordinated including response to recovery; and stand-down of recovery coordination arrangements and return to business-as-usual.
- Established funding coordination arrangements whereby DFES is responsible for coordinating supplementary funding requests to State and Commonwealth where recovery needs exceed regular funding arrangements.
- Established arrangements for the Department of Communities to assist local government in setting up donation and volunteer management arrangements upon request.

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Summary of consequential amendments

- New sections added to clarify recovery governance, leadership roles, and operational responsibilities.
- Obsolete statements revoked and replaced with updated policy references.
- Appendices revised to reflect new recovery roles and responsibilities.

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14	2.2.4	State Recovery Coordination Group <u>State Recovery Domains</u> State Recovery Coordinator State <u>[Event]</u> Recovery Controller <u>[Event] Recovery Coordinator</u>	Terms updated to align with State EM Policy Part Six .
21	4.7	<u>Volunteers</u> <u>Further details on these policy statements are provided in State EM Plan section 4.6.1. Refer to section 6.12 of this Policy for Managing Public Donations and Volunteers in Recovery.</u>	Informational reference included.
33	5.6.20 (New)	<u>The HMA and SEPIC (where activated) are responsible for issuing public information about recovery during the response phase.</u> <u>Refer to section 6.11 of this Policy for Recovery Public Information and Communications.</u>	New policy to address the remaining public information responsibility related to recovery during the response phase, which is not addressed in the revised recovery policy sections.
34	5.6.20 (old)	During the recovery phase of an emergency, the relevant local government is responsible for provision of public information, such as information on impact and services.	Revoked as addressed under proposed State EM Policy statement 6.11.2.

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34	5.6.21	Both the HMA and the relevant local government must communicate with the public in a coordinated manner until such time as the HMA hands over responsibility for the public information function to the relevant government, via the Impact Statement.	Revoked as addressed under proposed State EM Policy statement 6.11.1
34	5.6.22 (old)	When required and appropriate during the recovery phase, the SEPIC will coordinate whole of government (high level) public information arrangements to assist the local government(s), the State Recovery Coordinator and/or the SRCG.	Revoked as addressed under proposed State EM Policy statement 6.12.3.
41-44	Part 6: Recovery	<u>New section to replace existing content – See general amendments for summary.</u>	Part 6: Recovery revised following the 2024-2025 comprehensive review of the state-level recovery arrangements.

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52	Appendix A - Controlling Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where a HMA has delegated the responsibilities for the control of response activities to a Controlling Agency, they may also delegate the responsibilities for commencing recovery to that agency. These arrangements should be documented in the relevant State Hazard Plan (State EM Policy section 6.2). <p>Responsible for the coordination of an assessment of all impacts relating to the four recovery environments (social, built, and economic and natural) prior to cessation of the response, including a risk assessment and treatment plan to provide for safe community access to the affected area (State EM Policy section 6.2).</p> <p>Where required, complete an Impact Statement prior to the transfer of responsibility for management of recovery to the affected local government(s) (State EM Policy section 6.2).</p> <p>When responsible for the response of an emergency, must initiate a range of recovery activities during the response to an emergency as detailed in State EM Plan section 6 (State EM Policy section 6.2).</p>	Wording updated to reflect revised responsibilities in proposed State EM Policy Part 6.
60	Appendix A - HMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HMA and SEPIC (where activated) are responsible for issuing public information about recovery during the response phase, until this responsibility is transitioned to local government (State EM Policy statement 5.6.20). Must include recovery arrangements in State Hazard Plans (State EM Policy section 6.1 statement 6.2.1). 	Reference updated and new State EM Policy statement 5.6.20 included.

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67	Appendix A – Local government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a recovery plan and nomination of a Local Recovery Coordinator (section 41(4) EM Act). • Must ensure the preparation and maintenance of LEMA includes identification and training of a Local Recovery Coordinator(s) and includes a local recovery plan Local Recovery Plan as detailed in State EM Preparedness Procedure 8 and guided by the SEMC's Local Recovery Guidelines (EM Act section 41(4) and State EM Policy section 6.3 statement 6.3.1). State EM Preparedness Procedure 3.8 and the Local Recovery Guidelines support the development of a Local Recovery Plan. 	Updated to reflect revised responsibilities in State EM Policy.

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67	Appendix A – Local government (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activate arrangements under their Local Recovery Plan where recovery is required to restore community function following an incident or an emergency (State EM Policy statement 6.3.2) • Responsible for the provision of public information during the recovery phase of an emergency (State EM Policy statement 6.11.2). • Responsible for the overall coordination of recovery in an R1 and R2 event and responsible for the following in a R3 and R4 recovery event (State EM Policy statement 6.3.3 and 6.3.4): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – coordinating local-level recovery activities in consultation with the State Recovery Coordinator or, where appointed, the [Event] Recovery Coordinator or Controller – participating in state-level recovery governance structures if requested by the State Recovery Coordinator – advising and contributing to state-level recovery planning, implementation and monitoring processes – leading recovery activities and programs that enhance community connection, cohesion and wellbeing – leading and facilitating local community engagement – providing regular reporting and advice to the State Recovery Coordinator or, where appointed, the [Event] Recovery Coordinator or Controller, on local recovery progress and needs 	Updated to reflect revised responsibilities in State EM Policy.

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67	Appendix A – Local government (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Must prepare a Local Operational Recovery Plan for all R2, R3 and R4 recovery events (State EM Policy statement 6.9.1).</u> • Must determine the establishment of a Local Recovery Coordination Group, when <u>required</u> appropriate (State EM Policy section 6.3 <u>statement 6.3.6</u>). • Should consider the potential membership of a Local Recovery Coordination Group prior to events occurring (State EM Policy section 6.3). • In conjunction with the SEC and the State Recovery Coordinator, must consider (in conjunction with this person) the level of State involvement required for the recovery, based on a number of factors pertaining to the impact of the emergency (as detailed in the State EM Plan section 6.6) and whether a SRGG and a State Recovery Controller should be established (State EM Policy section 6.4). • <u>May request the State Recovery Coordinator undertake an assessment or reassessment of the level of State support needed for recovery (State EM Policy statement 6.4.3)</u> • Following an emergency, <u>should review the Local Operational Recovery Plan within 12 months of completion of the plan (State EM Policy statement 6.9.2).</u>must undertake an evaluation of the effectiveness of the recovery activities in relation to its recovery plan, including an assessment of preparedness for any future event, within 12 months of the emergency (State EM Policy section 6.10). 	Updated to reflect revised responsibilities in State EM Policy.

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67	Appendix A – Local Recovery Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinates local-level recovery activities, <u>with support from a Local Recovery Coordination Group (when established) in conjunction with the LRCG (when formed) and in accordance with plans, strategies and policies that it deter</u> <u>oversee delivery of recovery services in impacted communities</u> (State EM Policy section 6.3 <u>statement 6.3.5</u>) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>undertaking local government recovery responsibilities as delegated</u> <u>providing advice to Emergency Management Agencies and other State agencies providing response and recovery activities</u> <u>coordinating recovery operations on behalf of the local government</u> <u>monitoring recovery activities, collating data and reporting to the local government.</u> Should facilitate a coordinated approach with other Local Recovery Coordinators when more than one local government is affected by an emergency (State EM Policy section 6.3 <u>statement 6.3.7</u>). 	Updated to reflect revised responsibilities in State EM Policy.
68	Appendix A— Local Recovery Coordination Group	<p>When formed, coordinates local-level recovery activities in conjunction with the Local Recovery Coordinator and in accordance with plans, strategies and policies that the group deter (State EM Policy section 6.3).</p> <p>May have roles such as those suggested in the SEMC's Local Recovery Guidelines (State EM Policy section 6.3).</p> <p>Where possible, the LRCG should deal with all offers of, or requests for, assistance from NGOs in relation to emergency relief funds, shelter, accommodation and household supplies (State EM Policy section 6.8).</p> <p>Where possible, coordinates offers of, or requests for, volunteer assistance with recovery activities and spontaneous donations (State EM Policy section 6.9).</p>	Local Recovery Coordination Group (LRCG) responsibilities removed from appendix to reflect revised State EM Policy.

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69	Appendix A – Minister The Minister responsible for the EM Act and the lead minister for recovery in WA	<p>Where a State Recovery Controller is appointed, either the Premier or the Minister determines the cessation of this appointment, informed by the completion of the recovery objectives (State EM Policy section 6.6.2).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides strategic oversight of recovery arrangements and coordinating advice on recovery needs and operations to the Premier and State Government (State EM Policy statement 6.1.3). • On the recommendation of the FES Commissioner, where the level and complexity of State support requires, appoint an [Event] Recovery Coordinator in accordance with State EM Procedure 5.5 (State EM Policy statement 6.4.5). • Where an [Event] Recovery Coordinator is appointed, the Minister will determine the cessation of this appointment with consideration of the ongoing need and recommended timeframes for de-escalation of state involvement as advised by the FES Commissioner (State EM Policy statement 6.13.3). 	Updated to reflect revised responsibilities in State EM Policy.
69	Appendix A– Non- Government Organisations (NGOs)	<p>In some circumstances, NGOs can provide assistance through emergency relief funds, shelter, accommodation or household supplies. Where possible, this should be dealt with by the local emergency relief and support coordination group or the LRCC (State EM Policy section 6.8).</p>	NGO responsibilities removed from appendix to reflect revised State EM Policy.

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72	Appendix A – Premier of Western Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If extraordinary arrangements are required for a specific emergency, appoints a State Recovery Controller on the recommendation of the State Recovery Coordinator in consultation with the SEC (State EM Policy section 6.4.4). On the recommendation of the Minister for Emergency Services and FES Commissioner, where the level and complexity of State support requires, appoint an [Event] Recovery Controller in accordance with State EM Procedure 5.5 (State EM Policy statement 6.4.5). May delegate the recovery responsibilities of DFES to another agency for a recovery event, based on relevant expertise or resources. This may include hosting an [Event] Recovery Coordinator or Controller and recovery taskforce. In such cases, the roles and responsibilities of respective Ministers, agencies and Director General's must be agreed in writing (State EM Policy statement 6.4.7). Where a State an [Event] Recovery Controller is appointed, cessation will be informed by the completion of the recovery objectives and determined by the Premier or the Minister (State EM Policy section 6.6 statement 6.13.3). 	Updated to reflect revised responsibilities in State EM Policy.
75	Appendix A – State Emergency Coordination Group (SECG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for State-level recovery coordination, until recovery is referred to the SRCG, if established (State EM Policy section 6.4). undertaking the role and responsibilities of the State Recovery Coordination Group (SRCG) unless and until a SRCG has been convened (State EM Policy statement 6.8.4). May advise or direct the State Recovery Coordinator to convene the SRCG due to the complexity of early recovery needs and/or level of State agency involvement (State EM Policy statement 6.8.4). 	Updated to reflect revised responsibilities in State EM Policy.

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	Appendix A – State Emergency Public Information Coordinator (SEPIC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible under State EM Policy section 5.6 for: ... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> coordinating and managing the provision of emergency public information when requested by the Controlling Agency during the response and recovery phases of emergencies (State EM Policy section 5.6 and State EM Plan section 5.3.1) Coordinates the provision of emergency public information support during the response and recovery phases of emergencies (State EM Plan section 5.3.1). The HMA and SEPIC (where activated) are responsible for issuing public information about recovery during the response phase, until this responsibility is transitioned to local government (State EM Policy statement 5.6.20). 	Updated to reflect revised responsibilities in State EM Policy and Plan and new State EM Policy statement 5.6.20 included.

New	Appendix A – <u>Recovery:</u> <u>Department of</u> <u>Fire and</u> <u>Emergency</u> <u>Services, as</u> <u>the lead State</u> <u>agency for</u> <u>state-level</u> <u>recovery</u> <u>coordination</u> <u>(DFES State</u> <u>Recovery)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The following State recovery coordination responsibilities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <u>providing the necessary support and resources for the State Recovery Coordinator and Deputy(s) to fulfill position responsibilities</u> – <u>maintaining state-level recovery policy, plans and arrangements in conjunction with the SEMC</u> – <u>supporting the preparedness and capability of State and local governments for recovery</u> – <u>facilitating inter-jurisdictional liaison on recovery issues on behalf of WA</u> – <u>providing coordinated advice on whole-of-government recovery operations to the Minister for Emergency Services</u> – <u>hosting an [Event] Recovery Coordinator or Controller when appointed</u> – <u>providing advice to State Government on recovery funding strategies (State EM Policy statement 6.5.1).</u> • <u>The Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <u>must appoint a State Recovery Coordinator and may also appoint one or more Deputy State Recovery Coordinator(s) (State EM Policy statement 6.1.5.1).</u> – <u>must advise the Minister when State support is recommended for a recovery, including the scope and nature of support required and whether the appointment of an [Event] Recovery Coordinator or Controller is recommended (State EM Policy statement 6.4.4).</u> – <u>should advise the Minister for Emergency Services on the ongoing need for an [Event] Recovery Coordinator / Controller and recommend timeframes for de-escalation of state involvement (State EM Policy statement 6.13.3).</u> 	New role added to reflect the Machinery of Government changes in 2017, transferring State Recovery to DFES and aligned to reflect State EM Policy statement 6.1.5
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82	Appendix A – State Recovery Controller The State Recovery Controller is appointed by the Premier, on the recommendation of the State Recovery Coordinator in consultation with the SEC, if extraordinary arrangements are required for a specific emergency	Roles under State EM Policy section 6.4 include: responsibility for ensuring the provision of a coordinated recovery support to emergency affected communities through the direction and coordination of the resources made available by public authorities and other persons reporting directly to the Premier/Minister as determined by the Government, keeping the SEC and Controlling Agency/HMA informed on the recovery progress chairing the SRCG, if established undertaking the recovery coordination responsibilities of the State Recovery Coordinator ensuring the State-level Recovery Plan, developed by the SRCG, is to include a public information plan, which should incorporate a social media strategy consulting with the State Recovery Coordinator and ensure they have visibility of and input into reports provided to the SRCG, where established representing relevant Ministers during consultation with local government(s) on recovery and reconstruction matters liaising with SRCG and SECG members and other relevant agencies to coordinate overlapping issues liaising with the SEPIC regarding media and public information support during the response and recovery phase disseminating information, in consultation with the SEPIC, relating to State-level recovery coordination and messaging. (State EM Policy section 5.6 and State EM Plan section 5.3.1) facilitating the sharing of information to support local and regional recovery	Section removed as title and responsibilities captured under [Event Recovery Coordinator and [Event] Recovery Controller

N/A	<p>Appendix A: Recovery: [Event] Recovery Coordinator and [Event] Recovery Controller (new)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where appointed, an [Event] Recovery Coordinator or Controller assumes the responsibilities of the State Recovery Coordinator listed at State EM Policy statement 6.5.2.1 for a recovery event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – assessing recovery needs and, where necessary, developing a state-level recovery strategy in consultation with State agencies to guide the State's involvement in a recovery – establishing state-level recovery governance structures where required and assisting local government(s) in creating district or regional structures as needed – providing coordinated, cross-government strategic advice to the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner on the recovery approach, priorities, risks and issues – supporting local government to enhance their capability and capacity to manage recovery – coordinating State agencies, where needed, to ensure state-level recovery operations are delivered in an efficient and effective manner for the community • the responsibilities listed at State EM Policy section 6.5.3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – facilitating collaboration between local, state and commonwealth government agencies, industry, non-government organisations and community to bring people together, resolve issues and work cooperatively to advance recovery efforts – recommending the recovery priorities and approach of State agencies – leading the development of a state recovery plan – representing the State Government during consultation and engagement with local, state and national stakeholders on recovery matters specific to the recovery event – any other responsibilities outlined in the terms of appointment. 	<p>New role and responsibilities included to reflect the revised responsibilities in State EM Policy.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • may create additional domains, merge domains or establish cross-domain working groups or other structures as required to suit the specific recovery needs and context (State EM Policy statement 3.8.7). • where a complex issue cannot be resolved by the State Recovery Coordination Group, may refer the matter to the Fire and Emergency Service Commissioner, or Director General of an agency appointed under statement 6.4.7 of this Policy, for consultation and/or decision at the Executive Officer level of Government (State EM Policy statement 3.8.8). • must lead the development of a State Recovery Plan for R3 and R4 recovery events (State EM Policy statement 3.9.3). • In regards to recovery public information and communications, may request: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – public authorities to liaise with DFES prior to release of public information relating to recovery activities or program announcements. – the development of a state-level public information plan or strategy for their approval in consultation with relevant State agencies and local government(s) (State EM Policy statement 3.11.4). • establishing arrangements for significant offers of financial or material assistance that require State-level governance or coordination to ensure they are effectively integrated into broader recovery operations (State EM Policy statement 3.12.4). • must plan and coordinate the de-escalation of state-level involvement from R2/R3/R4 in recovery, in consultation with the local government and applicable State agencies (State EM Policy statement 3.13.2). 	

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82	<p>Appendix A – <u>Recovery:</u> State Recovery Coordination Group (SRCG)</p> <p>The SRCG is established by the State Recovery Coordinator or the State Recovery Controller on their own initiative or upon the advice and direction of a SECG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be convened for all Level R3 and R4 recovery events, and when directed by the State Emergency Coordination Group (State EM Policy statement 6.8.3). • When established, responsible for State level recovery coordination in complex or prolonged recovery operations (State EM Policy section 6.48) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – supporting the State Recovery Coordinator and if appointed, the [Event] Recovery Coordinator or Controller – overseeing the planning of state-led recovery activities – monitoring recovery progress – resolving or referring complex policy issues and other matters. <p>When a State-level recovery plan is developed by the SRCG, an evaluation of its effectiveness must be conducted at the conclusion of the State-level recovery coordination arrangements (State EM Policy section 6.10).</p>	Updated to reflect revised responsibilities in State EM Policy.

83	<p>Appendix A – Recovery: State Recovery Coordinator</p> <p>The Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner appoints the State Recovery Coordinator to support recovery activities for an emergency.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>assessing the recovery level in accordance with the Model for Recovery Coordination and providing advice to the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner on the level and nature of State involvement needed to support recovery (State EM Policy statement 6.4.1).</u> • <u>may delegate their responsibilities to a Deputy State Recovery Coordinator(s) (State EM Policy statement 6.5.2.2)</u> • <u>must brief an incoming [Event] Recovery Coordinator or Controller and provide advice and support for the duration of their appointment (State EM Policy statement 6.5.2.3)</u> • <u>must ensure an evaluation of the State Recovery Plan is completed within 12 months of completion of the plan and brief the SEMC and local government on the findings of the evaluation (State EM Policy statement 6.9.4).</u> • <u>The following responsibilities during a recovery event, unless an [Event] Recovery Coordinator or Controller has been appointed:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>assessing recovery needs and, where necessary, developing a state-level recovery strategy in consultation with State agencies to guide the State's involvement in a recovery</u> ○ <u>establishing state-level recovery governance structures where required and assisting local government(s) in creating district or regional structures as needed</u> ○ <u>providing coordinated, cross-government strategic advice to the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner on the recovery approach, priorities, risks and issues</u> ○ <u>supporting local government to enhance their capability and capacity to manage recovery</u> ○ <u>coordinating State agencies, where needed, to ensure state-level recovery operations are delivered in an efficient and effective manner for the community</u> 	<p>Section revised to capture updated roles and responsibilities of the State Recovery Coordinator.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>undertaking assurance of state-level recovery efforts (State EM Policy statement 6.5.2.1) and</u> ○ <u>convening and chairing the State Recovery Coordination Group (State EM Policy statement 6.8.2).</u> ○ <u>may create additional domains, merge domains or establish cross-domain working groups or other structures as required to suit the specific recovery needs and context (State EM Policy statement 6.8.7).</u> ○ <u>where a complex issue cannot be resolved by the State Recovery Coordination Group, may refer the matter to the Fire and Emergency Service Commissioner, or Director General of an agency appointed under statement 6.4.7 of this Policy, for consultation and/or decision at the Executive Officer level of Government (State EM Policy statement 6.8.8).</u> ○ <u>must lead the development of a State Recovery Plan for R3 and R4 recovery events (State EM Policy statement 6.9.3).</u> ○ <u>In regards to recovery public information and communications, may request:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>public authorities to liaise with DFES prior to release of public information relating to recovery activities or program announcements.</u> ▪ <u>the development of a state-level public information plan or strategy for their approval in consultation with relevant State agencies and local government(s) (State EM Policy statement 6.11.4).</u> ○ <u>establishing arrangements for significant offers of financial or material assistance that require State-level governance or coordination to ensure they are effectively integrated into broader recovery operations (State EM Policy statement 6.12.4).</u> 	
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		<p>o must plan and coordinate the de-escalation of state-level involvement from R2/R3/R4 in recovery, in consultation with the local government and applicable State agencies (State EM Policy statement 6.13.2).</p> <p>Supports a whole-of-government approach and coordinates the maintenance of State recovery arrangements and plans through the SEMC Community Resilience and Recovery Subcommittee and in partnership with the State Recovery Team and the SEMC Business Unit (State EM Policy section 6.1). Supports the operation of State-level recovery coordination through the SRGG, when that is established (State EM Policy section 6.1). Must consider the level of State involvement required and whether the SRGG and State Recovery Controller should be established, in conjunction with the local government and the Controlling Agency/HMA and/or the SEC (State EM Policy section 6.4). If extraordinary arrangements are required for a specific emergency, may in consultation with the Controlling Agency/HMA and SEC, recommended that the Premier appoint a State Recovery Controller and identify any legislative support and resources required, as detailed in the State EM Plan section 6.4 (State EM Policy section 6.4). Responsible for determining when the State-level recovery coordination arrangements cease, following consultation with the affected local government(s)/LRGG(s), to ensure there are no more gaps in service delivery or non-completion of tasks (State EM Policy section 6.6). Has the roles under State EM Policy section 6.4 of: reviewing the recovery arrangements framework established for local government in conjunction with the SEMC Business Unit ensuring the maintenance of contact details for all Local Recovery Coordinators representing the State on national and other recovery committees, as required reviewing the effectiveness of local government recovery activities to inform the development of policy and planning frameworks</p>	
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		<p>liaising with and supporting the Local Recovery Coordinator(s) for any emergency to ensure that local recovery arrangements are established and there is appropriate local government(s) participation in an ISG coordinating the recovery activities of Government and NGOs participating in a SECG if established for an emergency and considering recovery requirements such as State-level support contributing to the HMA's post-operation report for consideration by the SEMC</p> <p>chairing the SRCG if established, unless a State Recovery Controller is appointed</p> <p>assisting the State Recovery Controller to undertake their duties following discussion with the SEPIC and Local Recovery Coordinator, initiating dissemination of information relating to State-level recovery coordination using the emergency public information arrangements detailed in section 5.2 State EM Plan</p> <p>additional roles detailed in section 6 State EM Plan.</p>	

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Summary of consequential amendments

- Recovery definition updated to align with national frameworks and “build back better” principles.
- Revised public information protocols during response and recovery phases.

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11	2.1.3 Emergency Management Plans	<p>State Emergency Management Plan</p> <p>This State EM Plan details the arrangements for all-hazards across the following four aspects of emergency management:</p> <p>Prevention — regulatory and physical measures to ensure risks are minimised and emergencies are prevented or their effects mitigated</p> <p>Preparedness — activities to ensure that, should an emergency occur, communities, resources and services are capable of coping with its effects and can be rapidly mobilised and deployed</p> <p>Response — actions taken immediately prior to, during and immediately after an emergency to ensure its effects are minimised</p> <p>Recovery — activities which support emergency-affected individuals and communities in the reconstruction and restoration of physical infrastructure, the environment and community, psychosocial and economic wellbeing. <u>restoring or improving of livelihoods and health, as well as economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets, systems and activities, of a disaster-affected community or society, aligning with the principles of sustainable development and ‘build back better’, to avoid or reduce future disaster risk” (Australian Disaster Recovery Framework (2022)).</u></p>	Revised to align with the updated definition of recovery adopted within 6.1.1 of the State EM Policy.

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12	2.2 SEMC Governance Structure	Western Australia uses a committee structure to assist the SEMC in the development and implementation of the State emergency management arrangements. This structure consists of committees at the State, district and local-level, as depicted in Figure 1 and detailed in State EM Preparedness Procedures 3.6, 3.7 and 3.20 and State EM Recovery Procedure 5.13.	Updated reference.

49	5.3.1 Emergency Public Information	<p>Public Information for Recovery</p> <p><u>Recovery begins during the response to an emergency, with early recovery activities commencing as soon as practically possible to mitigate the immediate impacts and alleviate suffering and distress.</u></p> <p><u>The HMA and SEPIC (where activated) are responsible for issuing public information about recovery during the response phase, until this responsibility is transitioned to local government.</u></p> <p>Provision of information <u>about recovery</u> during the recovery phase may be aimed at satisfying the needs of the general public, or it may take the form of information or advice aimed at those persons affected by the emergency <u>– for example providing information about recovery services that may be available.</u></p> <p>The efficient dissemination of information to the affected community and the community at large in respect to recovery measures is essential.</p> <p>During the recovery phase of an emergency, the relevant local government is responsible for public information, such as information on impact and services. Both the HMA and the relevant local government must communicate with the public in a coordinated manner until the HMA hands over responsibility for the public information function to the relevant government, via the Impact Statement.</p> <p>The HMA should engage the relevant local governments, including their recovery communications team or staff, early during the response phase as part of the provision of public information.</p>	Section redrafted to align with revised State EM Policy section 6.11 Recovery Public Information and Communications.
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49	5.3.1 Emergency Public Information	<p>The HMA and SEPIC (where activated), must transfer the responsibility for coordinating public information to the local government either through the transition of recovery coordination or the implementation of concurrent response and recovery arrangements.</p> <p>DFES State Recovery will establish arrangements to coordinate state-level recovery-related public information to assist local government(s), the State Recovery Coordinator, where appointed [Event] Recovery Coordinator or Controller and the State Recovery Coordination Group.</p> <p>In most events, the HMA and SEPIC are unlikely to have an ongoing role in public information during recovery after the responsibility for coordination has been transferred to the local government(s) and State Recovery Coordinator. However, in long duration emergencies, or where concurrent response and recovery arrangements are required, arrangements for the coordination of public information about response and recovery must be planned and agreed between the HMA, SEPIC (where activated) and State Recovery Coordinator, or, if appointed, [Event] Recovery Coordinator or Controller.</p> <p>This will facilitate handover of public information for the recovery phase and allow for local government input into the public information communications.</p> <p>The SEMC's Communicating in Recovery Guidelines provides further guidance to local governments on the provision of public information during the recovery phase.</p> <p>When required, the SEPIC will coordinate the handover of State level public information function to the relevant local government(s).</p> <p>The SEPIC may also undertake whole of government public information activities and facilitate provision of recovery</p>	(continued). Section redrafted to align with revised State EM Policy section 6.11 Recovery Public Information and Communications.
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		communications assistance to local governments, the State Recovery Coordinator and the State Recovery Coordination Group (SRCG).	
54	5.4 Funding Arrangements for Emergency Response	Agencies that have assisted in the response to, and recovery from , emergencies may be eligible for reimbursement of some expenses dependent on the situations outlined in State EM Policy section 5.12, such as the Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements Western Australia (DRFAWA) , and State EM Recovery Procedure 5.2.	Reference updated to include DRFAWA as an example instead of through the procedure. DRFAWA guidance and procedures captured externally to the State EM Framework.
58	5.5.4 Emergency Relief and Support Services Financial Assistance	Financial Assistance As described in State EM Policy statement 6.10.1, individuals, businesses and organisations are responsible for understanding and mitigating their own risks and managing their recovery to the best of their ability. The primary responsibility for safeguarding and restoration of private assets rests with the owner. There are a number of financial assistance programs that may be put in place following a major emergency for the provision of financial assistance to However, following a major emergency, a number of financial assistance programs may be made available to support those affected by emergencies who are eligible and in need. Information about the availability and eligibility of these programs will be provided on EmergencyWA at https://recovery.dfes.wa.gov.au/.	Amended to align with updated State EM Policy sections 6.10 regarding recovery funding and assistance arrangements.

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60	5.7.1 Operational Debrief	In relation to recovery operations, the State Recovery Coordinator will arrange for all public authorities and other organisations that have participated in the recovery process to be operationally debriefed as soon as possible after cessation of the arrangements, and prepare a report for the SEMC or State Government as appropriate.	Statement removed as addressed under the revised policy requiring State Recovery Coordinator to ensure an evaluation within 12 months of completion of a State Recovery Plan and brief SEMC on findings of the evaluation.
61	5.7.2 Debrief and Post-Operations Report - Reporting	Recovery Reports Following an emergency, the relevant local government(s) will undertake an evaluation of the effectiveness of the recovery activities in relation to its recovery plan, including an assessment of preparedness for any future event, within 12 months and provide a copy to the State Recovery Coordinator and SEMC. Where a State Level Recovery Plan has been developed by the SRCG, an evaluation of its effectiveness will be conducted at the conclusion of the State level recovery coordination, as determined by the SEMC.	Revoked as replaced by proposed policy statement 6.9.4: The State Recovery Coordinator must ensure an evaluation of the State Recovery Plan is completed within 12 months of the substantive completion of the plan and brief the SEMC and local government on the findings of the evaluation.
62-71	Part 6	<u>New section to replace existing content – See general amendments for summary.</u>	Part 6: Recovery revised following the 2024-2025 comprehensive review of the state-level recovery arrangements.

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88-90	Appendix E: HMA Roles & Responsibilities: Fire And Emergency Services Commissioner	DFES also provides combat and support services, including <u>state-level recovery coordination</u> , fire suppression; marine search and rescue; land search; air search and rescue (including emergency casualty transport via rotary wing); urban search and rescue; cliff, cave and confined space rescue; road transport emergencies; rail transport emergencies; and animal disease outbreak.	Amended to reflect revised roles and responsibilities within State EM Policy.
94	Appendix E: 1. HMA Roles & Responsibilities – Commissioner of Police	Recovery Advise the State Recovery Coordinator of the need to establish a Local Recovery Coordination Group.	Amended to align with updated State EM Policy section 6.3.
95	Appendix E: 2. Combat Agencies/Support Organisations Department of Communities	Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate the emergency relief and support components of recovery for people affected by an emergency. <u>Provide a representative to the SRCG, if required.</u> <u>Provide a Chair for the Social State Recovery Domain, if established.</u> <u>Provide a representative to the Social State Recovery Domain.</u> <u>Provide assistance within relevant Recovery Functional Areas (State EM Policy Appendix F) when required.</u> 	Amended to reflect revised roles and responsibilities within State EM Policy.

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97 - 98	Appendix E: 2. Combat Agencies/Support Organisations Local Governments	Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> manage recovery following an emergency affecting the community in its district (section 36(b) of the EM Act). Specific recovery roles and responsibilities are provided in State EM Policy Appendix A. Accept and approve an Impact Statement for the emergency from the Controlling Agency, in conjunction with the State Recovery Coordinator. Nominate a local recovery coordinator, with more than one person appointed and trained. Lead and manage the community recovery process through the Local Recovery Coordination Group in concert with other agencies identified in the local recovery plan. Develop an operational recovery plan, in conjunction with the Local Recovery Coordination Group. 	Amended to reflect revised roles and responsibilities within State EM Policy and to eliminate duplication across documents.

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N/A	(New) 3. Support Services Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES)	<p>Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES State Recovery) is the lead State agency for state-level recovery coordination in WA (State EM Policy statement 6.1.5). <p>Responsibilities</p> <p>Preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinating a whole-of-government approach to recovery preparedness and recovery operations across all hazards. <p>Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> carry out the state-level recovery coordination responsibilities listed under State EM Policy section 6.5 appoint a State Recovery Coordinator and one or more Deputy State Recovery Coordinator(s) Provide a representative to the SRCG, if required. Provide an Executive Officer for an SRCG, when established for a specific recovery event. Provide a Chair for the Built State Recovery Domain, if established. Provide a representative to the Built State Recovery Domain. Provide assistance within relevant Recovery Functional Areas (State EM Policy Appendix F) when required. 	Amended to reflect revised roles and responsibilities within State EM Policy statement 6.5.1 and throughout Part six.

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N/A	(New) <u>3. Support Services</u> <u>Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development</u>	Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Provide a representative to the SRCG, if required.</u> • <u>Chair of the Economic State Recovery Domain, if required.</u> • <u>Provide a representative to the Economic and Environment State Recovery Domains.</u> • <u>Provide assistance within relevant Recovery Functional Areas (State EM Policy Appendix F) when required.</u> 	Amended to reflect revised roles and responsibilities within State EM Policy.
101	Appendix E: Emergency Support Services – DWER	Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate environmental monitoring until clean-up has been completed to an appropriate environmental standard or the site is managed to protect public health and the environment. • Provide a representative to the SRCG, if required. • <u>Chair of the Environment State Recovery Domain, if required.</u> • <u>Provide a representative to the Environment State Recovery Domain.</u> • <u>Provide assistance within relevant Recovery Functional Areas (State EM Policy Appendix F) when required.</u> 	Amended to include revised recovery responsibilities.

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105	Appendix E: Service Providers – Horizon Power	Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restore electricity services in the priority requested by the HMA or the <u>relevant recovery coordinator / controller</u> designated recovery authority Assist in the provision of emergency power as requested by the HMA or the <u>relevant recovery coordinator / controller</u> designated recovery authority. Coordinate and monitor long-term clean up, when required. 	Amended to align with revised recovery role titles.
105 - 106	Appendix E: Service Providers – Media (6PR, ABC)	Recovery <p>Provide support as requested by the HMA and the <u>relevant recovery coordinator / controller</u> designated recovery authority during the response and recovery phases.</p>	Amended to align with revised recovery role titles.
107 - 108	Appendix E: Service Providers – Water Corporation	Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restore Water Corporation water supplies and wastewater systems in consultation with the HMA or the <u>relevant recovery coordinator / controller</u> designated recovery coordinator. Ensure water quality delivered by Water Corporation meets appropriate health standards, or <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. 	Amended to align with revised recovery role titles.

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108 - 109	Appendix E: Service Providers – Western Power	<p>Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disconnect electrical power as and when requested by the respective HMAs or <u>relevant recovery coordinator / controller</u> designated recovery agency. <p>Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restore electrical power as and when requested by the respective HMAs or <u>relevant recovery coordinator / controller</u> designated recovery agency. Assist in providing emergency power as requested by the HMA or <u>relevant recovery coordinator / controller</u> designated recovery agency. Develop and maintain plans to protect and ensure the resilience of essential services. 	Amended to align with revised recovery role titles.
115	Appendix F: Functional Responsibilities	<p>Function/Activity: Recovery: Specific Activity: Impact Statement Responsible Agency: <u>HMA</u> Controlling Agency</p> <p><i>Specific Activity:</i> Management of <u>local</u> recovery <i>Responsible Agency:</i> Local governments</p> <p><i>Specific Activity:</i> Facilitation of State-level recovery coordination <i>Responsible Agency:</i> State Recovery Coordinator <u>and where appointed the Event Recovery Coordinator or Controller</u></p> <p><u><i>Specific Activity:</i> Where requested and necessary to restore community function, provide assistance during a recovery event</u> <u><i>Responsible Agency:</i> State agencies and entities listed in State EM Policy Appendix F: Recovery Functional Areas</u></p>	Updates to align to revised State recovery arrangements within Inclusion of recovery functional responsibilities listed within State EM Policy Appendix F: Recovery Functional Areas.

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117	Appendix F: Functional Responsibilities: Specialist Advice	Advice on the public safety aspects resulting from an emergency involving hazardous materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulations and Safety <u>Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety</u> Department of Health 	Department name updated to reflect WA Public Sector Reform as of July 2025.
119	Appendix G: Escalation Factors For Recovery	Table removed.	Replaced by the Model for Recovery Coordination (see proposed State EM Policy appendix E) and the Recovery assessment tool (State EM Recovery Procedure 5.6).
Throughout	Section 4.6.1: Specific Arrangements	the Office of Multicultural Interests, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries <u>Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport.</u>	Department name updated to reflect WA Public Sector Reform as of July 2025.
Throughout	Section 2.4.2 Section 5.1.5 footnote Appendix C Appendix E	Department of Transport <u>and Major Infrastructure</u>	Department name updated to reflect WA Public Sector Reform as of July 2025.

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Summary of consequential amendments:

- Revised and restructured recovery procedures
- New procedures introduced:
 - State Recovery Domains
 - State Recovery Plan and Local Operational Recovery Plan
 - Recovery Level Assessment Tool.
- Outdated procedures replaced.

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78	4.4	<p>Composition</p> <p>Section 26(3) of the EM Act states that the SECG is to consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the SEC • Chair of the SEMC • Executive Officer of the SEMC, appointed under section 13(2)(c) EM Act • a representative of the relevant HMA • a representative of the local governments in the emergency area, or in the area where the emergency is occurring or imminent, as the case requires, nominated by the SEC. <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Recovery Coordinator (and/or State [Event] Recovery Coordinator or Controller, where appointed) and 	Updated Position names.

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118	4.22 Post-Operations Reports	Where the relevant HMA responsible for the emergency identifies that the response and recovery to the emergency meets the criteria outlined in the State EM Policy <u>section 5.11</u> , a post-operations report is to be prepared and forwarded for tabling at the next scheduled meeting of the SEMC as outlined below: Request an agency post-operations report from all emergency management agencies involved in the response and recovery operation, detailing the required information.	Amended for accuracy in line with updated wording in State EM Policy as section 5.11, which now only relates to response. State EM Policy section 6.9 relates to the State Recovery
119-129	State EM Recovery Procedures	5.1 Management Of Public Fundraising And Donations 5.2 Emergency Management Funding 5.3 State Recovery Coordination Group 5.4 Impact Statement 5.5 State Recovery Controller Appointment <u>5.1 State Recovery Coordination Group</u> <u>5.2 State Recovery Domains</u> <u>5.3 Impact Statement</u> <u>5.4 State Recovery Plan and Local Operational Recovery Plan</u> <u>5.5 [Event] Recovery Coordinator and [Event] Recovery Controller Appointment</u> <u>5.6 Recovery Level Assessment Support Tool</u>	New structure and procedures of the State EM Recovery Procedures.

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120	5.1 (Old)	Management of Public Fundraising and Donations	Management of Public Fundraising and Donations procedure removed as superseded by new arrangements under State EM Policy section 6.12 Managing Public Donations and Volunteers in Recovery. The new policy captures strategic responsibilities for the State to “promote the coordination of financial donations from individuals and businesses through centralised non-profit fund(s) targeted at those with genuine need”.
N/A	5.1 (New)	<u>State Recovery Coordination Group</u>	<p>State Recovery Coordination Group procedure revised and moved from 5.3.</p> <p>Note: The following templates are no longer included as part of this procedure: State Recovery Coordination Group Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Recovery Coordination Group Report Template • State Recovery Domain Terms of Reference • State Recovery Domain Agenda • State Recovery Plan Template <p>As noted throughout the new procedures, DFES State Recovery will provide resources and templates as required.</p>

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121	5.2 (Old)	Emergency Management Funding	Emergency Management Funding procedure which provided general information relating to DRFAWA, removed because arrangements for specific funding programs sit outside the EM Framework. Information about availability and eligibility of DRFAWA is now available from DFES Recovery Funding at https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/resilience-and-recovery-funding/recovery-funding .
N/A	5.2 (New)	<u>State Recovery Domains</u>	New procedure to outline the functioning of the State Recovery Domains
N/A	5.3 (New)	<u>Impact Statement</u>	Impact Statement procedure revised and moved from 5.4.
N/A	5.4 (New)	<u>State Recovery Plan and Local Operational Recovery Plan</u>	New procedure sets out the requirements that should be captured within a local and state recovery plan.
N/A	5.5 (New)	<u>[Event] Recovery Coordinator and [Event] Recovery Controller Appointment</u>	New procedure describing the appointment of an [Event] Recovery Coordinator or Controller, revised from previous 5.5 State Recovery Controller Appointment.

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N/A	5.6 (New)	<u>Recovery Level Assessment Support Tool</u>	New procedure describing the Recovery Level Assessment Support Tool to assist the State Recovery Coordinator to assess the complexity of recovery and recovery level under the Model for Recovery Coordination.
132	Appendix A: Acronyms	<u>SRC State Recovery Coordinator</u>	Acronym added

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Summary of consequential amendments

- Added new terms (community function, recovery phases, recovery domains).
- Outdated references removed or replaced

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(New)	<u>community function</u>	<u>refers to the essential systems, services, and activities that support the wellbeing, safety, and livelihoods of individuals and groups within a community. This includes infrastructure, health and education services, governance, economic activity, social networks, and cultural practices that contribute to the community's ability to operate effectively and cohesively.</u>	New definition to align with the revised Recovery arrangements (2025)
20	emergency management	the management of the adverse effects of an emergency including— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prevention — the mitigation or prevention of the probability of the occurrence of, and the potential adverse effects of, an emergency; and • preparedness — preparation for response to an emergency; and • response — the combating of the effects of an emergency, provision of emergency assistance for casualties, reduction of further damage, and help to speed recovery; and • recovery — the support of emergency affected communities in the reconstruction and restoration of physical infrastructure, the environment and community, psychosocial and economic wellbeing; <u>(as defined in section 3 of the EM Act).</u>	Clarification of EM Act reference added to the definition to differentiate between the revised recovery term defined within State EM Policy statement 1.1.1.
(New)	<u>Model for Recovery Coordination</u>	<u>sets out the recovery coordination arrangements between local and State governments through a four-tiered framework (R1 to R4), where the State's involvement increases with the complexity of recovery (State EM Policy statement 6.1.3 and Appendix E).</u>	New definition to align with the revised Recovery arrangements (2025)

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35	National Situation Room Crisis Coordination Centre	the operations centre for <u>National</u> Emergency Management <u>Agency</u> Australia headquarters in Canberra. It is the focal point for the coordination of Commonwealth Government assistance during emergencies or disasters. <u>The National Situation Room was previously known as the Australian Government Crisis Coordination Centre.</u>	Agency name updated.
21 /35	<u>National</u> Emergency Management <u>Agency</u> <u>(NEMA)</u> Australia	the <u>National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)</u> Emergency Management Australia division of the Department of Home Affairs is responsible for preparing for emergencies and disasters through the development and maintenance of national plans, coordination of Australian Government crisis response and recovery efforts, and coordination of protective security arrangements (physical and personal) for Australian high office holders, visiting foreign dignitaries, at-risk foreign missions in Australia, as well as security arrangements for special events in Australian or overseas	Agency name updated
35	National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRAA)	the arrangements under which the Commonwealth Government assists the State and Territory governments to provide approved financial assistance to eligible persons and organisations following natural disasters. The National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements applies in respect of eligible disasters that occur up to and including 31 October 2018	Term removed as arrangements are out of date and now replaced by DRFAWA.
37	personal support service	the process of assisting the diverse, immediate as well as longer-term personal needs of people affected by a disaster. Such needs may encompass provision of information, practical advice on a range of issues and emotional support see also recovery	Reference to recovery term removed as not directly related to the revised definition of recovery.

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41	reconstruction	actions taken to reestablish a community after a period of rehabilitation subsequent to a disaster. Actions would include construction of permanent housing, full restoration of all services, and complete resumption of the pre-disaster state see also recovery	Reference to recovery term removed as not directly related to the revised definition of recovery.
41	recovery	<u>the restoring or improving of livelihoods and health, as well as economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets, systems and activities, of a disaster-affected community or society, aligning with the principles of sustainable development and 'build back better', to avoid or reduce future disaster risk" (Australian Disaster Recovery Framework (2022))(State EM Policy statement 1.1.1)</u> <u>See also emergency management</u> the support of emergency affected communities in the reconstruction and restoration of physical infrastructure, the environment and community, and the psychological and economic wellbeing	Revised definition to align with the revised Recovery arrangements (2025)
(new)	<u>recovery event</u>	<u>refers to an incident or emergency that results in disruption to community functioning and necessitates a coordinated recovery response.</u>	New definition to align with the revised Recovery arrangements (2025)
42	recovery management (principles of)	successful recovery relies on: understanding the context; recognising complexity; using community-led approaches; ensuring coordination of all activities; employing effective communication; and acknowledging and building capacity	Replaced with State Strategic Recovery Priorities

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(new)	<u>recovery (phases of)</u>	<p>The preparing for recovery phase builds recovery capability and capacity before emergencies through planning, training, exercising and community engagement.</p> <p>The early recovery phase starts during emergency response, focusing on understanding and meeting immediate needs and establishing governance structures for longer term recovery support.</p> <p>The recovery operations phase, guided by local and state recovery plans, delivers programs to meet recovery needs and restore community function.</p>	New definition to align with the revised Recovery arrangements (2025)
(new)	<u>recovery (domains)</u>	<p>Recovery domains used for organising recovery planning and activities are:</p> <p>The social domain focuses on the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, including safety, security and shelter, health and psychosocial wellbeing.</p> <p>The built domain focuses on physical infrastructure, including essential services, commercial and industrial facilities, public buildings, assets and housing.</p> <p>The environment domain focuses on land-based, aquatic, coastal and marine ecosystems, and environmental values that are of cultural, local and/or national significance. This area includes the management and disposal of waste and management of environmental health issues.</p> <p>The economic domain focuses on the economy (local and state-level), including jobs, businesses and industries.</p>	New definition to align with the revised Recovery arrangements (2025)

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42	relief	the provision of immediate shelter, life support and human needs to persons affected by, or responding to, an emergency. It includes the establishment, management and provision of services to emergency relief centres see also recovery	Reference to recovery term removed as not directly related to the revised definition of recovery.
43	resettlement	actions necessary for the permanent settlement of persons dislocated or otherwise affected by a disaster to an area other than their last place of habitation see also recovery	Reference to recovery term removed as not directly related to the revised definition of recovery.

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(new)	State Strategic Recovery Priorities	<p>In WA, the governance, planning and delivery of recovery is underpinned by the State Strategic Recovery Priorities:</p> <p>Community-centred and place-based Engage communities in shaping their own recovery through planning, decision-making and governance processes that are inclusive and encompass diverse culture and lived experience.</p> <p>Timely, responsive and accessible Deliver timely and appropriate recovery support to meet the unique recovery needs of individuals, businesses, and organisations, using person-centred approaches to reach those in greatest need and ensure access for all.</p> <p>Restore and build back better Repair and rebuild social, built, environmental, and economic systems to restore community function and wellbeing and build preparedness and resilience for future shocks and risks.</p> <p>Value First Nations Voice Enable leadership and self-determination for First Nations people and ensure recovery recognises intergenerational trauma and Closing the Gap priorities.</p> <p>(defined in State EM Policy statement 6.1.8)</p>	New – replacing the previous ‘recovery management (principles of)’

Implementation Schedule for Consequential Amendments

Consequential amendments to State Hazard Plans, State Support Plans and Guidelines will be progressively incorporated as part of routine document reviews under business-as-usual arrangements.

Document	Comments	Proposed timeframe for amendments
State EM Policy, Plan, Procedure and Glossary	Minor amendments to recovery references required.	December 2025
Emergency Risk Management Guideline	Minor statement of fact amendments (recovery domains)	Early 2026
Impact Statement Guide Attachment to State EM Procedure 5.3	Extension to comprehensive review granted by SEMC until June 2026.	June 2026
Impact Statement Template	Extension to comprehensive review granted by SEMC until June 2026.	June 2026
Local Recovery Guideline	Minor amendments to recovery references required.	TBD – to be scheduled
Local Emergency Management Committee Handbook	Minor amendments to recovery references required.	TBD – to be scheduled
WA Community Evacuation in Emergencies Guidelines	Comprehensive Review underway – No minor amendments required.	December 2026
Western Australia Managing Exercises Guideline	Minor amendments to recovery references required. Comprehensive review on hold.	TBD – to be scheduled
State Hazard Plan Animal and Plant Biosecurity	Comprehensive Review underway	August 2026
State Hazard Plan Collapse	Comprehensive Review underway	December 2026
State Hazard Plan Crash Emergency	Minor amendments to recovery references required.	December 2026
State Hazard Plan Earthquake	Minor amendments to recovery references required.	December 2026

Document	Comments	Proposed timeframe for amendments
State Hazard Plan Energy Supply Disruption	Minor amendments to recovery references required.	March 2026
State Hazard Plan Fire	2024-2025 Comprehensive review incorporated review of recovery sections. Minor amendments to recovery references required.	May 2026
State Hazard Plan HAZMAT	Minor amendments to recovery references required.	December 2026
State Hazard Plan Hazmat Annex A Nuclear Powered Warship	Comprehensive review underway. Interim plan proposed for March 2026 following HMA transfer and EM regulation amendments	March 2026
State Hazard Plan HAZMAT Annex B SPRED	Comprehensive review underway	March 2026
State Hazard Plan Heatwave	Upcoming comprehensive review	October 2027
State Hazard Plan Hostile Act	Upcoming comprehensive review	October 2026
State Hazard Plan Human Biosecurity	Minor amendments to recovery references required.	December 2026
State Hazard Plan Maritime Environmental Emergencies	Upcoming comprehensive review	December 2026
State Hazard Plan Search and Rescue Emergency	Minor amendments to recovery references required.	December 2026
State Hazard Plan Severe Weather	Minor amendments to recovery references required.	December 2026
State Hazard Plan Terrorist Act	Minor amendments to recovery references required.	August 2027
State Hazard Plan Tsunami	Upcoming comprehensive review	December 2026

Document	Comments	Proposed timeframe for amendments
State Support Plan Animal Welfare in Emergencies	Minor amendments to recovery references required.	July 2026
State Support Plan Emergency Public Information	Comprehensive Review underway	May 2026
State Support Plan Emergency Relief and Support	Statement of fact review underway by Department of Communities. Minor recovery references to be updated.	December 2025
Communicating in Recovery Guidelines	Comprehensive review to be scheduled by DFES Recovery Directorate.	TBD – to be scheduled
Aide Memoires <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Recovery Coordinator • State Recovery Controller • Incident Controller Recovery 	Review to be scheduled by DFES Recovery Directorate.	TBD – to be scheduled