

## State EM Documents Amendment List April 2026

This document outlines consequential amendments to the State Hazard Plan (SHP) – Fire following the comprehensive review of State recovery arrangements approved by the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) in December 2025 (resolution number 81/2025). Additional grammatical and statement of fact amendments made for clarification and accuracy. Amendments were approved by the State Emergency Management Committee Executive Officer on 7 January 2026 and 29 April 2026. This document came into effect on 30 April 2026.

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### State Hazard Plan - Fire Version ~~3.00~~ 3.01

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7	1.4 Related Documents and Legislation	<i>Building Regulations</i> <del>1954</del> <u>2012</u>	Date of legislation incorrect.
21	4.2 Incident Management	Controlling Agencies are required <u>to</u> apply the Australasian Inter-Service Incident Management System (AIIMS) for the management of fire response in WA.	Grammatical
24	4.4.2 Transfer of control between local governments and DBCA	Paragraph 3 If a request to transfer control is declined, the initial <u>C</u> ontrolling <u>Agency</u> will retain control. In each instance the reasons for declining must be documented and DFES is to be advised.	Grammatical
24	4.5.2 Telephone Warning System	Paragraph 2 When an initial emergency warning area is issued, or an emergency warning area <del>changes</del> <u>increases</u> , a TWS will be issued.	To align with current information provided to external agencies regarding the use of TWS.

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25	4.6 Controlling Movement within Operational Area	<b>Controlling Movement within an Operational Incident Area</b> The IC has overall responsibility for the management of movement of vehicles, people and animals within the affected emergency or operational incident area during an incident. ICs have access to legislated powers to control movement within an operational area.	Wording amended to align with State EM Plan Incident area is defined by the Incident Controller; operational areas are defined by the Operational Area Manager (if appointed) during an incident.
26	4.7	The FES Commissioner has powers in relation to natural disasters and fires under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998, section 18B and <i>Fire Brigades Act 1942</i> , section 34.	Typo amended to reflect existing reference to <i>Fire Brigades Act 1942</i> , section 34 as most recently captured in version 2.04 Footnote 37.
28	5.1 Responsibility for Recovery	The Controlling Agency, responding on behalf of the HMA, is responsible for initiating relief and recovery activities during emergencies as described in State EM Plan section 6.2.1. It is the responsibility of the Controlling Agency to gain an understanding of the known and emerging impacts during the response to an emergency.	Update of responsibly as assigned to the HMA within the updated State EM Policy 6.2.2 and described in State EM Plan section 6.2.1.

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28	5.1 Responsibility for Recovery	<p><del>State EM Plan section 6.5 identifies that in conjunction with the local government(s) and the State Emergency Coordinator, the State Recovery Coordinator is to consider the level of State involvement required, based on a number of factors pertaining to the impact of the emergency. These include:</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>• the capacity of the local governments involved to manage the recovery</del></li> <li><del>• the number of local governments affected</del></li> <li><del>• the complexity and duration of the recovery.</del></li> </ul> <p>Further information regarding local and state-level recovery roles, responsibilities and recovery coordination arrangements in WA are set out in part 6 of the State EM Plan and State EM Policy, and part 5 of the State EM Procedure.</p>	Removal of outdated State EM Plan content and inclusion of reference to overarching recovery arrangements within the State EM documents.
28	5.2 Emergency Relief and Support	<p>Emergency relief and support (ERS) services provide immediate and ongoing social support to alleviate, as far as practicable, the effects on individuals impacted by an emergency. <del>The State EM Plan section 5.5.4, states that</del> State EM Policy section 6.6, extends the Department of Communities <del>has the primary</del> responsibility for coordinating the provision of ERS services <u>during recovery. ERS is delivered</u> across six functional domains:</p>	Updates to align with State EM Policy section 6.6.
28	5.2 Emergency Relief and Support	<del>The State EM Plan part 6 provides additional guidance for recovery arrangements for Level 2 and Level 3 incidents.</del>	Removal of reference to outdated State EM Plan content.
28	5.3 Recovery Arrangements	<p>Where recovery activities are beyond the capacity of the local community, <u>the State may provide support</u> <del>recovery activities will be undertaken</del> in accordance with the <u>arrangements in</u> State EM Policy <u>and State EM Plan.</u> <del>part 6, State EM Plan section 6.5.</del></p>	Summary of State recovery support updated to align with State EM Policy section

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28	5.3 Recovery Arrangements	<del>In accordance</del> <b>Aligned</b> with State EM Plan section 6.4 <b>2.1.1</b> , the <b>respective</b> Controlling Agency must include local government representatives in incident management arrangements including the Incident Support Group (ISG) and/or Operational Area Support Group (OASG) and inform them of known or emerging impacts.	Updates to clarify the initiating recovery responsibly as strategically assigned to the HMA within the State EM Policy 6.2.1 and described in State EM Plan section 6.2.1.1.
28	5.3 Recovery Arrangements	During emergencies, the respective Controlling Agency will ensure that consideration is made for support agencies to <b>have</b> access to the affected community to support the transition to recovery-led operations.	Grammatical – paragraph 3
29	5.5 Impact Statement	An Impact Statement must be completed by the Controlling Agency, in consultation with other relevant agencies, for all Level 2 and Level 3 incidents <del>where there are impacts requiring recovery activities unless there is an exemption obtained from the State Recovery Coordinator</del> in accordance with State Emergency Management Recovery Procedure 5.4 <b>3</b> . <del>Where there are no significant recovery impacts identified by the Controlling Agency during a Level 2 incident, the State Recovery Coordinator/Deputy State Recovery Coordinator will determine if an Impact Statement is required, partially required, or required in full. Consultation with the local government will occur prior to this determination, as necessary.</del>	Wording updated to align with impact statement requirements described in State EM Policy statement 6.2.2 and State EM Plan section 6.2.1.2 and State EM Recovery Procedure 5.3. Note that the State EM Policy and plan assign this responsibility to the HMA. Under this State Hazard Plan, this responsibility has been delegated to the relevant Controlling Agency.

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29	5.5 Impact Statement	The Impact Statement <del>must</del> <b>should</b> be approved by the Controlling Agency, and local government <b>Chief Executive Officer</b> and <del>acknowledged</del> <b>endorsed</b> by the State Recovery Coordinator. The Impact statement should be provided to the members of the Incident Support Group, Recovery Coordinators and the ROC/MOC and Operational Area Manager (OAM).	Wording updated to align with the State EM Plan section 6.2.1.2 and State EM Recovery Procedure 5.3.
32	Appendix B: Glossary of Terms and Acronyms	<b>Emergency Services Acts</b> Emergency Services Acts is a collective term for the <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i> , the <i>Fire Brigades Act 1942</i> , and the <i>Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998</i> <del>1988</del> .	Typo – date referenced for Fire and Emergency Services Act
50	Appendix C4: DFES, local government, DBCA (when Controlling Agency)	The Controlling Agency is responsible for the commencement of recovery activities outlined in the State EM Plan section <del>6.4</del> <b>6.2.1</b> .	Update of responsibly as assigned to the HMA within the updated State EM Plan section 6.2.1. Amendment also reflects change made to section 5.1 of this plan.
51	Appendix D: Initial Controlling Agency for Response by Area of Responsibility	<b>Figure Notes</b> FES/ <b>Local Government/DBCA</b> Units dispatched by DFES COMCEN, will respond and report to the Controlling Agency based on tenure. Alternative Controlling Agency arrangements may be established upon written approval of the HMA.	Inclusion of Local Government and DBCA units for clarity. Ensures that the first arriving unit will report directly to the Controlling Agency based on tenure, regardless of if they are not from the initial Controlling Agency.

**Note:** Page numbers listed refer to the previous document.