

# SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP



## MINUTES

### LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

11 March 2024

**A MEETING OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE JERRAMUNGUP CRC ON MONDAY 11 March 2024 COMMENCING AT 12.**

**MINUTES**

1. **OPEN AND WELCOME** 1207 Chair SSgt Stuart Kerr

2. **RECORD OF ATTENDANCE** (Attendance sheet Appendix 1 and 11)

3. **APOLOGIES**(Attendance sheet Appendix 1)

Alex Jones – CBFCO

John Collins – DPIRD

Cr Joanne Iffla – Shire of Jerramungup Shore President

Mick Batchelor – VFES Bremer Bay

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

That the Minutes of the meeting held 11 September 2023 be confirmed.

**Moved** – Russell Palmer **Second** – Mark Cruikshank

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

5.1. BEN Signs – Update on instalments, One to go on Main beach. This has been re-ordered from sign writer. BENS and Life Buoys. Recfishwest is interested in pursuing the idea. Waiting for an email later this week. Please provide photos for publicity when this happens.

5.2. Bremer Airstrip Funding (9.2) Martin Cuthbert. Still being finalised

6. **MEMBERSHIP UPDATES** - Any updates to contacts Appendix 4 and WhatsApp

6.1. Welcome Stuart Kerr – Jerramungup Police

6.2. New DFES CPA – Melanie Haymont

6.3. New BRMC – Daniel Biddulph

6.4. Communities – Sharon Austin acting – Hopefully the position will be filled in April.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1. DFES email – Regional QR codes

7.2. General Circular – New Emergency Vendor announced

7.3. Email – Consultation Request State Hazard Plan – Hazmat

7.4. Email – Amendments to State Emergency Management documents

7.5. Email LG emergency Management Network – Telstra outages

7.6. Email – Point Henry Fire Group

7.7. Western Power Update: Heatwave Warning

7.8. School Closures on TFB days – question and answer emails

7.9. Email – Sharon Austin – Register.Find.

8. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

8.1. **Power and Telstra Tower in Bremer** – Follow up to be continued through DEMC

8.2. **LEMA due for review.** Russell to work with Charlotte to finalise these. The final document needs to be easily updated.

9. **ROUND TABLE**

9.1. **Jerramungup Police** – Stuart Kerr. – No facility for Bremer yet. Still pushing for a Police Station in Bremer. Nothing in the immediate future. Three staff in Jerramungup

and with support from Ravensthorpe and Albany if needed. Police preferred option is for 4 but nothing pending.

No major critical incidents. Exercise to be panned, last airport table top exercise cancelled due to the date being sensitive. 9/11)

Concentrating on traffic.

**9.2. Shire of Jerramungup - Martin Cuthbert – CEO Shire of Jerramungup. –**

Jerramungup Airstrip – hoping for tenders soon but still finalising the funding grants. Short Stay in Bremer – Correspondence issued to Bremer residents. Rise in issues with short stay and holiday accommodation. Cannot be zoned for this.

**Ranger Services – Mark Cruikshank –** Running smoothly at present. Discussed mitigation around Middle Point with Daniel Biddulph.

Over Christmas , quieter than other years but still problems of illegal campers setting up camp fires on dead grass.. Erected “No Camp Fires” signs. Getting assistance from other campers. Message is getting out there on Social Media that Bremer is policing and fining.

Off road vehicles on breaks and vacant blocks becoming an issue.

**9.3. Council –** No report

**9.4. DCEO Charmaine Solomon –** 2 extra rangers in Bremer over Easter, commencing on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Daniel Biddulph appointment now finalised. Welcome to Mel Haymont, hope she can help with mitigation planning and and community consultation discussions even though it is not her current role.

**9.5. Community Paramedic –** Letter extract – Hi Russell, ...my two year secondment has come to an end and I'll be leaving on 19/3/24. There will be a relief paramedic in the position until they fill the role for the next two years. Nothing to report from a paramedic prospective and I'm sure that Danielle will be able to fill you all in on the sub centre activities. Thanks for everything. Warm Regards. Deb.

**9.6. St John Ambulance –** Danielle Wisewould – House lease renewed for Paramedic. Funding for Bremer building – hope to hear this week. Jerramungup renovations nearing to be completed mid April. Some changes in the volunteer office. Welcome Mel Kerr plus 3 more new recruits.

**9.7. Health –** No report

**9.8. DPIRD - John Collins –** Apologies. Attached Appendix 5

**9.9. Department of Communities –** Sharon Austin – Appendix 6.

Most of it's all state based, but for local for great Southern, storms that went through the Great Southern the Wheatbelt and the Goldfields communities opened a disaster relief hotline for people that were out of pocket. Also sent team down from Perth to the goldfields and we set up a relief hub for the vulnerable community that had air conditioning in it because power was out for so long in the gold fields and it was very hot. 16 people evacuated from the Vancouver Peninsula fires at Camp Corramup.

Accommodated overnight in Hotels.

**9.10. DFES –Stephen Petersen,** Appendix 7.

**Charlotte Powis DEMA –** report Appendix 8. Local Emergency Management Handbook available from SEMC website. Templates and Legislative requirements. Disaster Ready fund closes 20<sup>th</sup> March. Suggestions on what this can be used for.

**9.11. CBFCO –** Alex Jones – Apologies from Tasmania

**9.12. BRPC – Daniel Biddulph -** Appendix 9

**9.13. CESM - Russell Palmer** attached Appendix 10

**9.14. DBCA –** Vince Hilder – Hottest, driest summer for a while. Relatively quiet summer. Early start with fires in the Fitz Park. Albany fires suspicious/deliberately lit. Report causes if known. Close to being fully staffed. New Ranger at Murray Road. Marine Park should mean extra staffing. Prescribed burns, working in with Daniel. Bombers extended till Easter, call them early if they may be needed. From Stu Kerr, take videos of fires and people around if possible. Helps with investigations later.

**9.15. VFES –** Anthony Armstrong, Jerramungup. Pretty quiet with fires. A couple of car accidents. Hoax anonymous 000 caller over Christmas period. 000 couldn't track it. From police, yes we can. Cme and see me if it happens in the future. Planning meeting tonight for 2024 training.

**9.16. Marine Rescue** – No report Exercise in Hopetoun on the 23<sup>rd</sup> involving Esperance, Hopetoun, Bremer Bay MR and Water Police.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

The next LEMC meeting is to be held Monday 10 June Jerramungup Council Chambers.

**CLOSURE** 1:17 pm

## Appendix 1

ATTENDEES:		1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
NAME	ORGANISATION	11/09/2023	11/12/2023	11/03/2024	10/06/2024
Cr Joanne Iffla Chairperson	Cr Joanne Iffla, Shire President – Shire of Jerramungup	Apology	Cr Joanne Iffla	Apology	
Dave Atkins Local Emergency Coordinator	Officer in Charge – Jerramungup Police Station	Dave Atkins	Sgt Ed Duffy Scott Smith	Stuart Kerr	
Local Recovery Coordinator	Chief Executive Officer - Shire of Jerramungup, Martin Cuthbert	Martin Cuthbert	Martin Cuthbert	Martin Cuthbert	
Local Welfare Liaison Officer	Deputy Chief Executive Officer - Shire of Jerramungup, Charmaine Solomon	Apology	Apology	Charmaine Solomon	
Russell Palmer Executive Officer	Community Emergency Services Officer - Shire of Jerramungup and Ravensthorpe	Russell Palmer Via zoom (Glenda Gray – minutes)	Russell Palmer	Russell Palmer	
Shire of Jerramungup	Bushfire Risk Planning Coordinator	Mal Grant	Position Vacant	Daniel Biddulph	
Shire of Jerramungup	Ranger - Shire of Jerramungup	Mark Cruickshank	Mark Cruickshank	Mark Cruickshank	
Shire of Jerramungup	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Shire of Jerramungup	Alex Jones	Alex Jones	Apology	
DFES	DFES District Officer	Apology	Danial Pell	Stephen Petersen Via TEAMS	
Charlotte Powis DFES	DFES District Emergency Management Advisor Great Southern	Apology	Apology	Charlotte Powis	
DBCA	DBCA	Vince Hilder Andy Benton	Vince Hilder	Vince Hilder	
St John Ambulance	St John Ambulance - Community Paramedic	Apology	Apology	Apology	
St John Ambulance	St John Ambulance, Jerramungup	Danielle Wisewould	Danielle Wisewould	Danielle Wisewould	
DPIRD	Research Officer - DPIRD	John Collins Via Zoom	John Collins Via TEAMS	Apology	
Water Corp	Operations Manager – Water Corp				

Dept of Communities			Sharon Austin via TEAMS	Sharon Austin via TEAMS	
WA Country Health Service	WA Country Health Service				
Debra Eggleston	Director of Nursing – Ravensthorpe district hospital				
Anthony Armstrong	Jerramungup VFES	Anthony Armstrong	Apology		
Michael Bachelor	Bremer Bay VFES	Apology	Michael Bachelor	Apology	
Jason Willcocks	Bremer Bay Marine Rescue		Jason Willcocks		

## Appendix 2

### **JERRAMUNGUP LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

#### **2023/24 MEETING & EXERCISE DATES**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Exercise</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Monday 11 September 2023	Jerramungup CRC	Desktop Exercise 11/09/2023
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	Monday 11 December 2023	Bremer Bay VFES	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	Monday 11 March 2024	Jerramungup CRC	TBA
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	Monday 10 June 2024	Shire Council Chambers	

#### **NOTE:**

- Meeting start time is 1200hrs, unless otherwise advised.
- Agenda Items to be received 2 weeks prior to the meeting date. (8 dot points as per appendix 2).

## Appendix 3

### **Local Emergency Management Committee Member Report Talking Points**

1. What is your current capability for managing incidents/responses? (do you have enough trained and/or experienced people, resources)
2. What is your capacity (such as volunteer numbers) and resources looking like for the future? Do you have a volunteer recruitment strategy?
3. Are there any new or emerging risks which might impact on your organisation (changes to legislation, seasonal outlooks, new industrial developments)
4. Do you have any exercises planned? Can other agencies attend to participate or observe?
5. If you have had any incidents or exercises what were the lessons identified – are any these common to other organisations?
6. Thinking about your community/ies, how well prepared are they to respond to your hazard/emergency
7. What community engagement activities have you carried out / have planned
8. How resilient do you think your community is for your hazards and what could be done to improve community resilience?



# DPIRD Preparedness for the 2023-2024 Natural Hazards Heightened Threat Period

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) has existing initiatives in place, and also undertakes additional activities, to assist in organisational preparedness for the natural hazards heightened threat period.

## State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) has formally assigned the role and responsibility for coordinating animal welfare in emergencies to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

The owner or person responsible for caring for an animal (the carer) is responsible for the welfare of that animal. The owner or carer's ability to address animal welfare issues may be hampered, or prevented, due to the nature of the emergency. In these circumstances, local arrangements, such as the local government's plan for animal welfare in emergencies (PAWE), may assist. If local arrangements do not exist, are inadequate or have been exhausted, the controlling agency or hazard management agency (HMA) may determine the need to access the arrangements under the State Support Plan.

The controlling agency or hazard management agency (HMA) may determine the need to activate the arrangements under the State Support Plan where:

- animal welfare is beyond the capacity and capability of the owners or carers, and
- any local or district arrangements are no longer sufficient or effective; or
- no local or district arrangements exist.

In addition, DPIRD may recommend activation of the State Support Plan to the Incident Controller.

Approval to activate the State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies is by the DPIRD Executive Director - Biosecurity.

Note: DPIRD may support local arrangements for animal welfare prior to the activation of the State Support Plan through the provision of advice, communication and providing connection to animal welfare stakeholders or service providers.

DPIRD's responsibilities may include:

- liaise with the relevant controlling agency or HMA as a liaison officer and/ or member of the incident support group (ISG) or operational area support group (OASG);
- coordinates the activation of the DPIRD internal operational plan in line with this Plan;
- contribute to public information released during the emergency;
- provide situational reports to the CAWE on animal welfare in the emergency;



- • establish the Animal Welfare in Emergences (AWEG) to consult on actions undertaken by DPIRD in coordinating animal welfare services for an emergency;
- • liaise with the local government and other organisations to coordinate response activities including:
  - providing support and advice on transportation for evacuating animals;
  - identifying the availability of locations to house evacuated animals;
  - managing displaced or stray animals; assisting owners and carers to obtain Restricted Access Permits, where applicable;
  - assessing and triaging impacted animals;
  - identifying/administering treatment;
  - performing/assisting with transportation for euthanasia or perform on-site;
  - advising on/arranging for disposal of deceased animals;
  - identifying/providing emergency food / water / shelter; and
  - identifying and reuniting animals with their owners or carers.
- Coordinate arrangements to best utilise volunteers and
- donations relevant to DPIRD animal categories;
- coordinate the reporting and future investigation of animal welfare complaints arising as a consequence of the emergency;
- liaise with and advise Local Government and other organisations about suitable temporary containment and other welfare needs of animals.

## Business Continuity Plan

DPIRD has a business continuity plan to assist in maintaining delivery of its critical functions.

## DPIRD First Response Teams

DPIRD has first response teams (FRTs) to assist with a response in relation to its role as the HMA for animal and plant biosecurity incidents and emergencies, and its support responsibilities in relation to animal welfare in emergencies.

The DPIRD first response teams (FRTs) provide the Department with teams across the State, which may be activated to undertake required actions in relation to response and recovery.

## Emergency management training

DPIRD has an ongoing schedule to deliver emergency management training and exercises.

### Biosecurity Emergency Response Training Australia

Relevant DPIRD staff are currently completing the Certificate IV in Public Safety (Biosecurity Emergency Response Leadership). **Page 3 of 3**

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See also separate attachment to email “Incident and Emergency Management”



DPIRD DEMC and  
LEMC report Dec 2021



# Emergency Relief and Support

## LEMC Background Information – 1st quarter 2024

### ERS Capability Audit

- Department of Communities (Communities) recently engaged Nous Group to audit the capability and capacity of the Emergency Relief and Support (ERS) sector across Western Australia (WA) to ensure that it can meet the relief and recovery needs of WA people now and in the future.
- The project focused on establishing a baseline of how well equipped the State is to prepare for, respond to, and recovery from emergencies and critical events in the six functional areas of ERS that Communities is responsible for.
- The findings have presented valuable insights and opportunities to increase the current emergency relief and support services to respond during an emergency event more effectively.
- A new internal capability framework is being developed to assist with bridging some of the gaps identified from the audit.

### Kimberley Floods

#### Overarching

- Following Ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie in January 2023, the Fitzroy Valley experienced a 1-in-100-year flood event.
- Department of Communities continues to support Fitzroy Valley residents impacted by the January 2023 floods under the State Emergency Management arrangements, across Social and Built Recovery Domains.

#### Social Domain

- Department of Communities, Emergency Relief and Support Team leads the people component of Recovery, classified in the State Recovery Structure under the Social Domain.
- Department of Communities has undertaken preparedness activities to increase resilience of temporary accommodation infrastructure including:
  - Ensuring that all Humanihut accommodation in Bungardi and Tarunda are at the one-in-50-year flood level.

## Kimberley Floods

- Working with Humanihut in the preparedness phase to strengthen evacuation procedures in Bungardi and Tarunda, and
- Supporting the transition of individuals in Phase 1 temporary accommodation into Phase 2 temporary accommodation or to return to their home.

## Built Domain

- Department of Communities supports Government agency partners Main Roads WA and Department of Finance under the Built Domain.
- Department of Communities has established a housing works program to repair and rebuild flood damaged dwellings that are government-owned or managed or on Crown reserves managed by the Aboriginal Lands Trust or other management bodies.
- Department of Communities is supporting families whose homes require either major refurbishment or rebuild with transitional accommodation ahead of the wet season.
- Transitional accommodation includes more family friendly demountable accommodation that allows more space between families and is built to the 1-in-50-year flood level.
- Each transitional accommodation unit comprises a custom-built amenity module, a bathroom/bedroom module and a deck/veranda module. As of 30 August 2023, based on community consultation the Department of Communities is providing 44 transitional accommodation units across Bungardi, DarlIngunaya, Loanbun, Burawa, Galeru Gorge, Karnparrmi and Yurabi Road.

## ERS new permanent structure

- Communities received sustained funding to enhance Emergency Relief and Support capacity across WA. The funding was critical to enable Communities to meet its legislated responsibilities under the State Emergency Management Arrangements.
- The changes will help improve service delivery, with a focus on additional resourcing to regions within WA.
- The ERS Directorate structure is comprised of three functional streams and ERS Executive Services:
- ERS Executive Services
- Stream 1 is responsible for Regional Response and Coordination
  - Immediate Response
  - Metropolitan and Regional Preparedness
  - Stakeholder engagement

## ERS new permanent structure

- Regional Training
- Locally led Recovery
- Special Projects
  
- Stream 2 is responsible for Strategy and Capability
  - Capability Mapping, Intelligence and Reporting
  - Monitoring and Evaluation
  - Stakeholder Engagement and Specialist Practice
  - Training and Development
  - Recovery
  - National and State Level Committees
  - DRFA and Special Projects
  
- Stream 3 is responsible for Business Services
  - Human Resources including the coordination of Emergency Response Teams and Surge Workforce personnel.
  - Finance
  - Business Support and Administration
  - ERS Systems
  - Procurements, Grants, and Contracting
  - Logistics
  - Disaster Response Hotline
  - DRFA Acquittals

## Local EM Information

- The Disaster Relief Hotline was operating during the power outages caused by storms in Great Southern/Wheatbelt and Goldfields in mid-January. The Hotline was available to anyone affected by the storms.
- There was an Emergency Fire in Albany on Monday 24/01 at Vancouver Peninsula, Albany. The fire caused sixteen people to be evacuated.
- Department of Communities Great Southern, had teams on standby if an evacuation centre was required to be opened, for the fire at Venns Road, Green Range. Six families self-evacuated, all families were contacted by The Department.

## Appendix 7

### Jerramungup LEMC 11/03/2024 DFES

1. What is your current capability for managing incidents/responses? (do you have enough trained and/or experienced people, resources)
  - a. Current capacity of Jerramungup and Bremer Bay VFES is adequate for L1 incidents. More substantial incidents will require assistance from other brigades within the shire such as LG BFB or if the incident dictates other VFES/VFRS brigades from outside the shire.
2. What is your capacity (such as volunteer numbers) and resources looking like for the future? Do you have a volunteer recruitment strategy?
  - a. Current capacity of Jerramungup and Bremer Bay VFES is adequate. There is a recruitment meeting with DFES staff planned for the end of march to identify DFES brigades that need assistance with recruitment.
3. Are there any new or emerging risks which might impact on your organisation (changes to legislation, seasonal outlooks, new industrial developments)
  - a. None Identified.
4. Do you have any exercises planned? Can other agencies attend to participate or observe?
  - a. None in the near future. Only BAU brigade training to start post fire season.
5. If you have had any incidents or exercises what were the lessons identified – are any these common to other organisations?
  - a. Two recent incidents have had post incident analyses completed but would not relate to other Dept's.
6. Thinking about your community/ies, how well prepared are they to respond to your hazard/emergency.
  - a. Current capacity to respond by Jerramungup and Bremer Bay VFES is adequate.
7. What community engagement activities have you carried out / have planned.
  - a. Nil at this stage. DFES have now engaged a new CPA who in time will look at developing CE packages.

## Appendix 8

1 *Great Southern Emergency Management Advisor Report Jan-Mar 2024*

### **GREAT SOUTHERN DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISOR REPORT Jan- Mar 2024**

The last meeting of the **State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC)** was held on the 6 December 2023. SEMC Communiques can be found [here](#).

#### **2024 SEMC MEETING SCHEDULE**

- March 2024

#### **STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTS**

The SEMC has approved changes to the suite of State Emergency Management (EM) Documents within the State EM Framework. These changes include the development of an **All-Hazards Restricted Access Permit System (RAPS) Guideline**, a detailed review of the interim **State Hazard Plan – Severe Weather**, and a new **State EM Risk Management Guideline**.

In addition to the documents mentioned above, the following State EM documents have been amended:

- State EM Policy – Consequential amendments resulting from the new RAPS Guideline and Risk Management Guideline
- State EM Plan – Consequential amendments resulting from the new RAPS Guideline
- State EM Procedure – Consequential amendments resulting from the new Risk Management Guideline
- State EM Glossary – Consequential amendments resulting from the new Risk Management Guideline
- State Hazard Plan Fire – Consequential amendments resulting from the new Risk Management Guideline
- State EM Traffic Management in Emergencies Guideline – Consequential amendments resulting from the new RAPS Guideline.

These documents are now available on the [SEMC website](#).

The SEMC has approved and published two new State Emergency Management documents, the **State Support Plan – Emergency Relief and Support** and the **Local Emergency Management Committee Handbook**.

#### **State Support Plan – Emergency Relief and Support**

Several key changes were made to the Plan including;

- The change to terminology from 'welfare' to 'emergency relief and support' and 'welfare centre' to 'evacuation centres'.
- Greater clarity of the emergency relief and support services provided within the six functional domains.
- Greater clarity of Communities role in supporting Disaster Victim Identification services in respect to a major emergency.
- Greater clarity of Communities role as the State agency responsible for leading the social domain in the recovery phase of an emergency.

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**Please review your internal emergency management documents to reflect new terminology used within the Plan.**

### **Local Emergency Management Committee Handbook and useful tools**

The LEMC handbook provides local governments with a summary of the actions and best practice principles as required under section 38 – 40 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*, State Emergency Management Policy, procedures, and guidelines.

The LEMC Handbook provides a summary of the WA emergency management arrangements, key roles, and responsibilities and best practice advice for the administration of LEMC.

The Handbook also includes sample LEMC Terms of Reference and Meeting Agenda templates, which can be downloaded from the [SEMC website](#).

### **Amendments to State Emergency Management documents**

State EM Policy has completed consequential and statement of fact amendments to most of the State Emergency Management documents. **The changes relate to:**

1. The change in terminology from ‘welfare’ to ‘emergency relief and support’ and related terms following SEMC approval of the State Support Plan – Emergency Relief and Support.

**Please note:** While the amendments log provides an overview of all items that have been updated within the suite, a detailed log is not provided for each reference to these terms within the State EM Framework.

1. Consequential amendments to reflect the outcomes of the 2023 SEMC Subcommittee review, which came into effect 1 July 2023.
2. Consequential amendments to reflect the revised State EM Capability Framework, approved by SEMC on 4 October 2023.
3. Statement of fact amendments to correct minor issues raised by EM stakeholders and to improve accessibility, approved by the SEMC Executive Officer.

Details of the amendments are provided within the [October 2023 amendments list](#) on the SEMC website.

### **Amendments to Traffic Management During Emergencies Guideline**

The SEMC Executive Officer has approved a statement of fact change to the Traffic Management During Emergencies Guideline in support of the Wooroloo Bushfire Review Recommendation 8: *DFES should consider establishment of road clearing capability to complement bushfire response, with the sole purpose of clearing roads to provide safe return of residents as soon as possible after fire.*

The latest version of the [Traffic Management During Emergencies Guideline](#) and [details of the amendment](#) are available on the SEMC website.

For any queries, please email [semc.policylegislation@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:semc.policylegislation@dfes.wa.gov.au)

### **CONSULTATION REQUESTS**

You can view all current consultations on the Engage WA EM consultation homepage. 3 *Great Southern Emergency Management Advisor Report Jan-Mar 2024*

## **Release of the Emergency Management Sector Adaptation Plan (EM-SAP) Discussion Paper**

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) is developing the EM-SAP to support the Western Australian emergency management sector to accelerate climate change adaptation. The SEMC recognises the risks posed by climate change and is committed to delivering strong action to enhance the resilience of Western Australian communities and the emergency management sector.

The EM-SAP will represent a major part of the implementation of the Western Australian Climate Adaptation Strategy and fulfils SAP requirements under the *Climate Change Bill 2023*. The purpose of the Discussion Paper is to invite you to have your say on the design and content of the EM-SAP. *Please note that the content of the Discussion Paper is proposed for consideration only and is intended as a starting point to stimulate discussion.*

Visit our dedicated engagement portal here: <https://engagewaem.com.au/wa-emergency-management-sector-adaptation-plan-discussion-paper>

**The consultation period is open until COB Friday, 29 March 2024.**

For further information about the project, email [info@semc.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@semc.wa.gov.au)

Local Governments can find out how they can provide feedback by emailing [em@walga.asn.au](mailto:em@walga.asn.au)

The last official meeting of the **District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC)** was held on the 18 October 2023, however two extraordinary meetings were held on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in relation to the significant power outages across the state. The next official meeting of the DEMC will be held on Tuesday 20 March 2024.

## **LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

Please check the due date for your five-yearly LEMA reviews and allow a minimum of six months to complete the LEMA review process. Funding opportunities are available to assist with LEMA reviews.

### **The Local Emergency Management Arrangements Review**

The Improvement Program and implementation approach has now been finalised and endorsed by the SEMC at their December 2023 meeting. More information can be found at: <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/state-emergency-management-committee/lema-improvement-program> 4 *Great Southern Emergency Management Advisor Report Jan-Mar 2024*



Given the timeframes of the program **please don't delay in preparing any LEMA that are due or nearly due for their 5 year review.**

### **District Emergency and Local Emergency Management Committees Review**

In May 2022 SEMC meeting, members approved a review of the roles of District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC) and Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMC).

The project aims to;

- Establish clear roles and responsibilities, functions and governance for DEMCs and LEMCs in achieving the strategic objectives of the SEMC.
- Identify improvement opportunities to governance arrangements and capabilities to increase effective and efficient emergency management outcomes.
- Create a shared understanding of SEMC expectations of DEMC s and LEMCs within the emergency management sector.

The review has occurred and was tabled at the December SEMC meeting. For more information go to:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/state-emergency-management-committee/review-district-and-local-emergency-management-committees>

### **GRANT PROGRAM UPDATES**

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) oversees the distribution of grant funding to support activities that reduce disaster risk and enhance WA's resilience to disasters. Information on funding opportunities can be found [here](#).

#### **Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) – NOW OPEN until 20 March 2024!**

The [Disaster Ready Fund](#) (DRF) is an Australian Government initiative that will deliver up to \$200 million in funding over five years from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2028, to fund projects that support natural disaster resilience and risk reduction.

DRF Round Two is currently open until and will close at **5pm AWST Wednesday 20 March 2024.**

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) is the Lead Agency for Western Australia. Western Australian applicants must submit their application to DFES via the [online application portal](#).

Please ensure you have read and understood the DRF [Round Two Guidelines](#) and reviewed the FAQs and Factsheets available on the [DRF website](#) before commencing your application. Please contact [semc.grants@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:semc.grants@dfes.wa.gov.au) for further information on the grant programs.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

**WALGA offer Emergency Management training for Local Government** *5 Great Southern Emergency Management Advisor Report Jan-Mar 2024*

Local Governments have an essential role in Emergency Management due to their legislated responsibilities and links to the community. The way emergencies are managed is critical to the safety and sustainability of communities, ensuring the effective functioning of the Local Government and their staff. WALGA offer Emergency Management training courses such as;

- • Emergency Management Fundamentals
- • Emergency Management Foundations for Local Government
- • Emergency Management for Local Government Leaders
- • Community Disaster Recovery
  
- • Recovery Coordinators Course for Local Government

All of these courses are valuable in that they build connections and networks with members of other Local Governments across the State, further enhancing information sharing and building capacity.

Further information can be found [here](#).

### **SEMC Website**

A reminder that the SEMC website has changed locations. It has been brought under the WA government banner and is now available under the **WA.gov.au** website at this link:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/state-emergency-management-committee>

*Charlotte Powis*

District Emergency Management Advisor

Great Southern

5 Mar 2024

## Appendix 9

### Jerramungup LEMC Meeting 11 March 2024 Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator Report

The Tender for the Shire of Jerramungup Bushfire Risk Mitigation treatments has been assessed and awarded. Indiji Flora from Hopetoun has been awarded the Tender Works will include;

- The spraying of woody weeds, such as mallee and peppermint suckers within the previously treated areas.
- Machine slashing and mulching of strategic low fuel zones and road reserves
- Burn Boundary preparation.

Mechanical retreatment and implementation of new works is planned to commence at the end of Mid-March 2024 and take 6-8 weeks to complete.

The plan is to have Indiji Flora available in the Bremer Bay area with the commencement of prescribed burning and utilise their machinery for support with the burning program. Key focus of the next three months works program is to complete the above and complete prescriptions for the planned burns on the Shire vested Crown reserves across the Shire. This process will involve assessment by multiple parties and subsequent sign off on the proposals.

Dan Biddulph. 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Appendix 10

### CESM Report LEMC 11 December 2023

Summer has been relatively kind to us this year as far as fires are concerned. Although extremely hot on occasions prompting heat wave warnings, we have just experienced the most uneventful February we have had in the past 3 years.

The new AFDRS system has now been in use for over 12 months. Some of the teething issues have been sorted out and we are all getting more used to the new ratings. The issue of fuel loads has been a continuous point of discussion. Options are now available for local input so loads may be more accurately recorded on the system. I hope to be working with DFES officers and senior FCOs to progress this for our shire.

1. **What is your current capability for managing incidents/responses?** As stated in previous reports, The Shire's resources have the capability to manage most incidents as they present. We have had a tragic reminder on Boxing Day of how dangerous firefighting is. This combined with two deaths in the state last season has again highlighted the need for adequate training, wearing of correct protection and following of protocols. Local Volunteers are also being encouraged to become DFES Trainer Assessors to further increase accessibility to training by volunteers. Progress is being made at DFES to improve access to initial brigade training by providing online access to these courses. Rural Fire Awareness aimed at support and seasonal workers is now available online and Bushfire Safety Awareness soon to be trialled at our shire. Incident Control and AIMS training will need to be considered going forward as there are only a limited number within our volunteer ranks with the training and experience to carry out this vital role during larger protracted incidents. One aspect of response that we are encouraging with volunteers and the community is the use of 000 for reporting ALL incidents.

2. **What is your capacity (such as volunteer numbers) and resources looking like for the future? Do you have a volunteer recruitment strategy?** Most brigades are well served by volunteers and there have been several new members enrolled. There are a couple of BFBs would ideally require more volunteers to ensure capability.
3. **Are there any new or emerging risks which might impact on your organisation (changes to legislation, seasonal outlooks, new industrial developments)** Continued increases in tourism and mining will continue to provide risk to the area. Covid complications seem to have eased but haven't completely gone. The changes to the WHS laws have highlighted the importance of maintaining official training and adherence to SOPs and protocols such as supply and wearing of PPE/PPC but all of these are currently being addressed at a Shire and BGU level. See point 1. above re the implications for our volunteers and the Shire staff.  
Bushfire risk and heatwave risk again have both been flagged as concerns for the southern part of the state.
4. **Do you have any exercises planned? Can other agencies attend to participate or observe?** I will be having conversations with Sgt Kerr, Jerramungup Police regarding the need for this.
5. **If you have had any incidents or exercises what were the lessons identified – are any these common to other organisations?** Recent incidents have highlighted the need for calling 000 and have further supported the requirement Incident controller and commander training. The importance of public information has been highlighted around the state. This needs to be a priority for incident control when dealing with larger and more threatening incidents. Issues with traffic control and road closures has again been raised at a state level. If Main Roads or Police assistance are required, this can be requested through Comcen.
6. **Thinking about your community/ies, how well prepared are they to respond to your hazard/emergency** Depending on the type of emergency, there may be some limitations but known issues have been identified and are being worked through. I am planning to conduct a training and awareness campaign at the local High School later this year. I will also be working with the New Community Preparedness Advisor at DFEs Regional Office to look at ways we can get the community more involved in their own preparedness.
7. **What community engagement activities have you carried out / have planned** Nothing specific this quarter.  
There are continuing but infrequent issues with BEN signs being souvenired. Public messaging has been sent out regarding the potential life-threatening consequences of this.
8. **How resilient do you think your community is for your hazards and what could be done to improve community resilience?** The Shire of Jerramungup is constantly reviewing strategies and has proven to be a very resilient community in the past.

Russell Palmer  
CESM Jerramungup



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### LEMC and DEMC report: December 2023

#### Prevention/mitigation activities:

DPIRD undertakes prevention/mitigation strategies in line with its role as the hazard management agency for animal and plant biosecurity.

#### Surveillance program to protect the WA bee industry

Western Australia has strong biosecurity and surveillance measures in place to protect the State's bee industry from exotic pests and diseases including the bee parasite, varroa mite.

Varroa mite was first detected in the Port of Newcastle in New South Wales in June 2022. The national eradication response is now moving to a management phase after it was deemed no longer technically feasible to eradicate.

WA undertakes State and national bee pest surveillance programs which include extensive surveillance at ports and airports, considered to be the highest risk entry points for bees and bee parasites.

The surveillance program is coordinated by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) in WA with the support of volunteer beekeepers and covers Fremantle, Kwinana, Perth Airport, Bunbury, Albany, Esperance, Geraldton and Derby.

As part of the program, there are 40 sentinel hives in place at key locations across the State which act as an early warning system to detect exotic bees and signs of bee parasites. There are also 34 catch boxes located across Bunbury, Fremantle and Geraldton.

Plans are underway to expand the sentinel hive program to monitor additional industrial areas and freight hubs across the Perth metropolitan area.

Floral sweeps using butterfly nets to capture bees for identification are also routinely undertaken at Fremantle, Bunbury and Geraldton ports to monitor for exotic bees and mites.

WA has strict border quarantine to reduce the risk of varroa mite and other bee pests and disease entering the State. Bees, bee products including honey and other apiary products and beekeeping equipment are not permitted to be brought in without meeting import conditions and or treatments.

It is also a legal requirement for all beekeepers including hobbyists in WA to be registered with DPIRD. This is vitally important so that they can be contacted quickly in the case of pest or disease detection.

Beekeepers are also encouraged to check their own hives regularly and report anything unusual immediately by calling the Exotic Plant Pest hotline 1800 084 881

### **DPIRD responses**

**Declared incidents** which DPIRD is managing:

- Eight (8) declared level 1 and 2 incidents in relation to plant pests/diseases and aquatic pests/diseases
- Nil animal pest/disease incidents

### **Red dwarf honey bee**

DPIRD is investigating the detection of the exotic pest red dwarf honey bee (*Apis florea*) discovered on the Burrup Peninsula near Karratha. Red dwarf honey bees are known to be a vector for numerous exotic bee pests, including brood diseases, internal and external mites, and bee viruses.

The department is calling on the State's beekeepers and land managers to monitor their area for any unusual bees or nests.

### **Quarantine Area**

A **Quarantine Area** (QA) has been declared for the Burrup Peninsula in the Pilbara to support a biosecurity response to eradicate Red dwarf honey bee. Bee keepers with hives, equipment or those who have collected swarms on the peninsula are not permitted to move them outside the Quarantine Area to prevent the pest from spreading.

Affected bee keepers are asked to contact DPIRD's Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS) to advise of hives in the area. Workers, residents, businesses and visitors to the Quarantine Area are required to report observations of unusual bees to the PaDIS hotline or via the department's **MyPestGuide® Reporter** app to support surveillance

## Impact

Red dwarf honey bees are social bees which live in colonies of at least 3,000 insects. They migrate, swarm, and abscond readily, making them a major threat for exotic incursions and to the Australian environment.

One of the major risks for Australia is that red dwarf honey bee (*Apis florea*) is host to a range of bee brood diseases, parasites, and viruses that may impact European honey bees.

The red dwarf honey bee can carry Eugarroa mite (*Eugarroa sinhai*) a close relative to the destructive Varroa mites. The species can also carry Tropilaelaps mites (*Tropilaelaps clareae*) which is a known pest of European honey bees.

Red dwarf honey bees may also compete with other bees for floral resources.

## What to look for:

Red dwarf honey bees are characterised by their external nesting habits. Their nest is made up of an exposed single horizontal comb less than 25 centimetres wide that is built around and attached to tree branches or other support, including buildings and shipping containers.

The pest is easily distinguished from European honey bees by their small size in comparison to the European honey bee, being just 7-10 millimeters in length. They have a red/brown abdomen with black and white bands

Look for unusual bees that look smaller than European honey bees or colonies with exposed combs.



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## Queensland fruit fly

Strict requirements for moving of fruit and fruiting vegetables in Bayswater and Belmont have now been lifted, with residents now subject to the same movement conditions as those in the broader Quarantine Area.

Residents are encouraged to continue good garden and waste disposal hygiene to help prevent future outbreaks of this significant pest, which could devastate the State's fruit and vegetable industries.

The Quarantine Area continues to be in place and includes Perth, Belmont, Gosnells, Kalamunda, Vincent, Joondalup, Swan, Wanneroo, Melville, Canning, Bayswater, South Perth, Subiaco, Stirling, Nedlands, Bassendean, Belmont, Claremont, Victoria Park, Cambridge and Mundaring.

While Bayswater and Belmont residents are no longer required to cook, freeze, process or solarise host fruit or fruiting vegetables before disposal, these measures are still highly recommended to prevent this or other pests taking hold in the area. Similarly, these residents do not have to remove fallen fruit every three days but are encouraged to do so to maintain good garden hygiene. Requirements for commercial horticulture businesses in the Quarantine Area remain and DPIRD officers continue to liaise with growers and provide assistance where required.

The new Quarantine Area Notice is in place until Tuesday, 5 December 2023 and will be reviewed as the biosecurity response progresses. The community is encouraged to remain vigilant to support the biosecurity response.

### Response

The biosecurity response has made good progress and the program is being modified to the next phase of the campaign.

- Baiting and property inspections have ceased
- Monitoring and surveillance is to continue

For updated information on the new requirements the visit the Qfly biosecurity response DPIRD webpage [www.agric.wa.gov.au/qflyupdate](http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/qflyupdate). Reports of suspected Qfly should still be made to DPIRD's Pest and Disease Information Service on 9368 3080, email [padis@dpiird.wa.gov.au](mailto:padis@dpiird.wa.gov.au) or via the MyPestGuide Reporter app.

### Polyphagous shot-hole borer – no update since last report

Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) *Euwallacea fornicatus* is a beetle native to Southeast Asia. The beetle attacks a wide range of plants by tunnelling into trunks, stems and branches.

DPIRD continues to respond to the confirmed detections of an exotic beetle Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer in the Perth metropolitan area.



Response activities include:

- Conducting surveillance to determine the distribution of PSHB
- Containing the pest to prevent further spread to non-infested regions within Western Australia
- Providing advice and information to residents, industry and other stakeholders
- Ensuring that all response activities are conducted safely, consistently and efficiently

To stop the spread, a Quarantine Area Notice (QAN) is in place to support the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's ongoing surveillance program to determine the spread of the pest.

The Quarantine Area covers 25 local government areas. The new areas added to the expanded QAN on 21 March 2023 are:

- Beckenham, Canning Vale, Huntingdale, Kenwick, Langford, Maddington and Thornlie in the City of Gosnells
- Duncraig, Greenwood, Marmion, Sorrento and Warwick in the City of Joondalup
- Alexander Heights, Girrawheen, Koondoola and Marangaroo in the City of Wanneroo
- Ballajura, Beechboro, Bennett Springs, Dayton, Hazelmere, Kiara, Lockridge, Malaga, Middle Swan, Midland, Viveash, West Swan and Woodbridge in the City of Swan
- Forrestfield, High Wycombe, Perth Airport and Wattle Grove in the City of Kalamunda

Link to information about [Polyphagous shot-hole borer | Agriculture and Food](#)

### **State alerts and investigations**

DPIRD is investigating one (1) pest/disease.

### **National alerts & investigations**

DPIRD, and other state jurisdictions, continue to monitor reported outbreaks of African swine fever, Lumpy skin disease and Foot and mouth disease in other countries.

Information regarding Foot and Mouth Disease prevention is available on the WA government website:

[Foot-and-mouth disease advice for Western Australians \(www.wa.gov.au\)](#)

Information is also available on the DPIRD website:

[Foot-and-mouth disease: prevention and preparedness | Agriculture and Food](#)

**Important: There are, currently, no known incidences of these emergency animal diseases in Australia.**

### **Emergency animal disease preparedness included in the 2023-2024 State Budget:**

The WA State government announced \$10.4 Million, in the State Budget, to enhance preparedness for Emergency Animal Disease (EAD).

Key activities include:

- enhancing EAD preparedness by focussed incident management training, emergency disease exercises and finalising policies and procedures for incident response.
- enhancing communications with industry and community stakeholders to increase awareness of Emergency Animal Diseases and improve preparedness and likelihood of early disease detection and reporting.
- building and developing a veterinary reserve and enhancing veterinary student exposure to rural veterinary opportunities.
- enhancing veterinary capacity
- enhancing the diagnostic laboratory capability and capacity by upgrading the laboratory information management system, including automation of tasks and enhanced sample tracking and security.

## **Natural hazards – DPIRD support responsibilities and Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements WA**

### **Severe Tropical Cyclone Seroja (Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements WA - DRFAWA)**

#### **Incident details:**

11 April 2021: Severe Tropical Cyclone Seroja crossed just south of Kalbarri around 8pm Australian Western Standard Time (AWST).

Impacts at Kalbarri and the nearby town of Northampton were severe with many buildings sustaining significant damage, mostly consisting of lost roofs but other structures were destroyed. Many locations recorded maximum wind gusts greater than 125km/h with the highest being 170km/h from Meanarra Tower near Kalbarri.

DPIRD is managing Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements WA assistance to primary producers impacted by TC Seroja

Application details for the Primary Producer Recovery Grants Category B and C as at – 30 October 2023

<b>DRFA Measures</b>	<b>Submitted applications</b>	<b>Under assessment</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Approved \$</b>
Category B	65	1	56	\$1,451,629.39 (Expended)
Category C	185	31	147	\$3,077,276.35 (Expended)

## Ex-TC Ellie (Kimberley Floods) – January 2023

DPIRD is providing support to affected communities, in relation to its areas of responsibility, in the recovery from the January flooding in the west Kimberley.

- The State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies was formally activated on 9 January 2023 and remained activated until 3 May 2023 to provide support to the local government in relation to the coordination of animal welfare.

### Recovery:

- Substantive Wheatbelt Development Commission CEO, Rob Cossart, has been appointed as the State Recovery Coordinator for the Kimberley floods.
- The State recovery structure, across the four recovery environments of Social, Economic, Built and Natural environment, has been formalised with appropriate State Government agencies leading the domains:
  - Social: Department of Communities
  - Economic: DPIRD
  - Built: Department of Treasury and Main Roads WA
  - Natural environment: Department of Environmental and RegulationDPIRD has appointed liaison officers to sit on the social, built and natural environments State-level domains.

- The Shire of Derby West Kimberley has established its local recovery group and relevant subcommittees which are:
  - Media
  - Getting Home
  - Cadjebut Airport
  - Pastoral
  - Social/Wellbeing

DPIRD has provided a departmental representative on the Shire of Derby West Kimberley's local recovery group and relevant subcommittees.

DPIRD has secured funding for an Industry Recovery Officer to be embedded with the Kimberley Pilbara Cattleman's Association (KPCA).

- Dedicated DPIRD web page for affected primary producers outlining available assistance: [Kimberley flood recovery | Agriculture and Food](#)

## **Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements WA (DRFAWA):**

Support measures are designed to assist in meeting the needs of primary producers whose assets or primary production business has/have been affected by a disaster for which DRFAWA has been invoked.

Category B - Assistance measures for primary producers may include grants for:

- Professional advice
- Reimbursement of fees (maximum \$1,500) to obtain professional advice directly related to addressing issues arising from the declared natural disaster event
- Freight subsidy (reimbursement)  
Primary producers can claim a maximum of 50% of the costs to the producer of transporting any of the following items as a direct result of a natural disaster:
  - Livestock;
  - Fodder or water for livestock; or
  - Building or fencing equipment or machinery.
  - Fencing (for livestock producers only)  
Primary producers can claim 100% of the costs associated with any of the following:
    - restoration/replacement of fencing (to pre-disaster standard) where the fencing has been deliberately dismantled or damaged due to counter disaster operations activities undertaken in order to combat the eligible natural disaster event; and/or
    - reimbursement of the costs of materials only (to pre-disaster standard) to repair/replace boundary fencing damaged/lost as a direct result of the eligible natural disaster event. The measure is only available where the fencing adjoins a major road/rail transport corridor and where the roaming of livestock may present a danger to the travelling public (i.e., the aim being to preserve public safety).

The applicant must demonstrate to DPIRD's satisfaction that, at the time of the natural disaster event, the property was being used to hold or agist livestock.

- Expression of interest for interest subsidy on a new loan to recover  
An interest rate subsidy may be available to primary producers for new loans:
  - to repair/replace assets lost or damaged / repair damage caused by the natural disaster event
  - for carry on purposes to implement the next season's production program
  - or to replace livestock lost in the disaster for which the assistance measures under the DRFAWA have been activated

Link to further information regarding available funding and relevant conditions: <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/emergency-response/disaster-recovery-funding-arrangements>

Category D – Exceptional circumstances:  
Freight Assistance Program

- Purposes: The Commonwealth and WA State Government jointly funded Freight Subsidy Program is to assist with the ongoing exceptional freight requirements for businesses impacted by ex Tropical Cyclone Ellie (DRFA AGRN1044).
- Eligible applicants: Businesses located in, or delivering to, the four (4) DRFAWA activated local government districts which are the Shire of Broome, Shire of Derby West Kimberley, Shire of Halls Creek and the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
- Funding duration: All claims must be submitted no later than two (2) months after a suitable road connection is re-established. Claims may be backdated for all freight movement that occurred on, or after, 1 January 2023
- DPIRD is the designated delivery agency for this funding

FAQs including details of eligibility: [Publications \(dfes.wa.gov.au\)](https://dfes.wa.gov.au)

**Applications received** (as at November 2023):

<b>DRFA Measures</b>	<b>Submitted applications</b>	<b>Under assessment</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Approved \$</b>
Category B (AGRN 1044 – Ex TC Ellie)	5	1	3	\$ 49,875.70 (ex GST)
Category D (AGRN 1044 – Ex TC Ellie & AGRN 1059 – TC Ilsa)	220	1	206	\$ 4,935,212.11 (ex GST)

**Severe Tropical Cyclone Ilsa – 9 April 2023**

Incident details:

Severe Tropical Cyclone Ilsa crossed the east Pilbara coast as a category 5 cyclone just before midnight on Thursday, 13 April 2023.

Incident impacts have included:

- Destruction of Pardoo Roadhouse
- Damage/losses on pastoral stations

Local government districts subject to DRFAWA proclamation: Shire of Broome, Shire of East Pilbara and Town of Port Hedland

### **Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements WA:**

Category B: Assistance measures for primary producers may include grants for:

- Interest rate subsidy may be available to primary producers for new loans to repair/replace assets that have been damaged or destroyed
- Freight subsidy - reimbursement (livestock, fodder or water for livestock and building or fencing or machinery)
- Fencing subsidy (where fencing adjoins a major road/rail transport corridor)

Applications received (as at November 2023):

(Shire of Broome, Town of Port Hedland and Shire of East Pilbara)

<b>DRFA Measures</b>	<b>Submitted applications</b>	<b>Under assessment</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Approved \$</b>
Category B (AGRN 1059 – TC Ilsa)	3	1	2	\$90,000 (ex-GST)

### **Category D – Primary Producer Grants**

Grants of up to \$75,000 are available to assist pastoralists with out-of-pocket clean-up and reinstatement costs incurred as a direct result of the flooding associated with Ex TC Ellie and TC Ilsa. The grant covers activities such as the removal and disposal of debris, damaged infrastructure and equipment, deceased livestock; salvaging crops; and repairing damaged infrastructure and equipment.

Note: Cat D for TC Ilsa is being administered under AGRN1044 and expenditure is included in Category D noted in the section relating to Ex TC Ellie (Kimberley floods).

### **DPIRD training**

#### **DPIRD staff emergency management training**

Biosecurity Emergency Response Training Australia:

Relevant DPIRD staff are currently completing the Certificate IV in Public Safety (Biosecurity Emergency Response Leadership).

DPIRD emergency management two-day workshop:

The DPIRD Incident and Emergency Management Branch will be delivering emergency response training to its first response teams, and District and Local Emergency Management Committee representatives in their operational role as an Incident Support Group (ISG) and/or Operational Area Support Group (OASG).

Sessions include:

- FRT activation, functional roles and responsibilities
- Role of the District and Local Emergency Management Committee representatives as ISG/OASG liaison officer
- An overview of DPIRD's animal welfare in emergencies role and responsibilities
- Use of DPIRD information and mapping systems during incidents and emergencies
- Hybrid desktop/functional emergency management exercise

#### **Animal Health Australia and Plant Health Australia online training:**

DPIRD staff are encouraged to undertake suitable online training which is available on the Animal Health Australia (AHA) and Plant Health Australia (PHA) websites.

Links to AHA and PHA:

[Home - Animal Health Australia](#)

[Plant Health Australia](#)

#### **DPIRD preparedness for the 2023-2024 natural hazards heightened threat period**

See attachment 1

#### **DPIRD's role in emergency management**

DPIRD plays an important role in emergency management in Western Australia.

- Hazard Management Agency (HMA) for animal and plant biosecurity with responsibilities across prevention/mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. Link to State Hazard Plan – Animal and Plant Biosecurity: [State Hazard Plan Animal and Plant Biosecurity \(www.wa.gov.au\)](#)
- Provision of support to other HMAs by:
  - coordinating animal welfare for other hazard emergencies including during bushfires, cyclones and floods;

- contributing to the Controlling Agency's impact statement in relation to impacts to primary producers, and other economic impacts through its regional development commissions across the state
- managing eligible assistance for primary producers under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements WA and providing advice to primary producers in relation to this funding
- providing professional expertise to primary industry producers and small business in a regional context

### **Animal Welfare in Emergencies**

Local governments are encouraged to develop a plan for animal welfare in emergencies (PAWE) which forms part of the local emergency management arrangements (LEMA).

For tools and resources to assist local governments to develop a local PAWE [click here](#) and for assistance in completing the PAWE template, speak to your LEMC or DEMC representative/s.