

Date: Tuesday, 18 March 2025
Time: 10.03am
Meeting Room: Room 1, Level 26
Venue: Te Wharau o Tāmaki - Auckland House
135 Albert Street
Auckland

Komiti mō te Ārai Mate Whawhati Tata me Te Raru Ohorere / Civil Defence and Emergency Management Committee

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General Manager's update

CDEM Committee meeting

18 March 2025





The intention of this meeting is to

Provide you with an update on:

- Bird Flu (H5N1) situation
- Changes in the Group Controller and Recovery Manager Roles
- Current information from the National Emergency Management Agency

Inform you of:

- Exercise Manaaki large-scale multi-agency exercise
- AEM's work programme quarter two progress
- Current information from AEM – GM Update



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Current information from AEM

Emergency Management System Improvement Project (EMSIP) and the EM Bill.

- The outputs of the DPMC review informed the government’s October 2024 report ‘Strengthening Disaster resilience and emergency management’.
- Commitment made by the Minister to provide a ‘Roadmap’ that will give clear direction and timelines for the implementation of an Emergency Management System Improvement Project (EMSIP)
- 5 focus areas to address gaps
- Cabinet Paper being developed for the ‘Roadmap’





Current information from AEM

Emergency Management Bill

- 2023 EM Bill discharged (withdrawn) in early 2024 – Would not deliver the fit-for-purpose EM framework that New Zealand needs.
- The new bill will look to incorporate learnings and recommendations from the Report of the Government Inquiry into the North Island Severe Weather Events (NISWE), other reviews, and submissions on the previous bill.
- New Bill will be submitted in second half of 2025.

AEM/Auckland council have contributed feedback on both the EMSIP and the EM Bill, along with our CEG Chair (Phil Wilson) and CDEM Committee Chair (Cr Sharon Stewart).



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Current information from AEM

Coronial Inquiry into deaths related to the Auckland 2023 flood event and Cyclone Gabrielle

- Scope of the Inquiry finalised
- The Coroner has listed Auckland Council as an interested party, along with several others
- Hearings in Auckland will take place between **30 June – 4 July 2025** and **18 - 29 August 2025**
- Auckland Council will be giving evidence in relation to the emergency response as well as other issues (involving wider council)





Current information from AEM

Our commitment to support better emergency outcomes for people with disability

- AEM is progressing with a work programme that supports our commitment to ensuring emergency planning, response and recovery is inclusive
- AEM is developing a programme of work (with the sector and the Disability Advisory Panel) to improve emergency outcomes for people with disability
- The programme of work will be formalised and will be presented to the June CDEM Committee meeting





Current information from AEM

Blessing of our new command response vehicles

- Three purpose-built response command vehicles - 2024
- Two Class 2 Response Trucks, three purpose-built Utes, and three catering trailers to further enhance response capabilities - 2025
- A blessing ceremony for the vehicles is scheduled to take place on Sunday 13 April at Ardmore Airport to showcase the new fleet





Pātai? | Questions?



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Strengthening Emergency Management in NZ

March 2025

In-confidence



National Emergency Management Agency
Te Rākau Whakamātau



Strengthening the Emergency Management System

- Government is committed to strengthening the emergency management system
- Two concurrent programmes of work:
 - 1. Emergency Management System Improvement Programme (EMSIP)**

Addressing operational capability and capacity via an investment and implementation Roadmap

Example: Operational Systems and facilities
 - 2. Emergency Management Bill**

Addressing the critical legislative levers, statutory roles and powers/functions for emergency management



Emergency Management System Improvement Programme - Phase 1

Phase 1 of EMSIP produced the [Government response to the Report of the Government Inquiry into the Response to the North Island Severe Weather Events](#)



- DPMC led
- Govt accepted all high-level recommendations
- 15 actions across five focus areas
- Wider scope and informed by
 - the NISWE Inquiry
 - other events, reviews and inquiries
- Set direction of travel
- Minister to report back in early 2025 with a “detailed investment and implementation roadmap”





EMSIP Phase 2

Phase 2 is to develop the implementation and investment roadmap to deliver in the five focus areas. Led by NEMA.



Whole of society approach



Support and enable local government



Build capability and capacity



Enable the system



Focus on delivery



EMSIP Phase 2

- Investment and Implementation Roadmap is looking at what and where can have the most impact in 5-10 years
- **Very high-level**
- Setting direction of travel
- NEMA is developing recommendations for where the Government could invest
- Looking for in-principle decisions about the possible paths ahead





Emergency Management Bill

Government intends to introduce a [new EM Bill](#) to replace the [Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002](#).

Objectives for the Bill are to:

1. strengthen participation of communities and iwi Māori in emergency management
 2. provide for clear responsibilities at national, regional, and local levels
 3. enable a higher minimum standard of emergency management
 4. minimise disruption to essential services
 5. ensure agencies have tools to do their jobs effectively when an emergency happens
- It will incorporate lessons and recommendations from submissions on the previous discharged bill, the NISWE Inquiry and other reviews.
 - Some straightforward matters from the previous Bill will be carried over to the new Bill.
 - There will be a public consultation phase on legislative reform.

