



FACT SHEET 2

Alliance Objectives

The aim of the Alliance is to ensure that changes to disaster management are implemented in an effective and efficient way that will result in improved community safety and increased community resilience.

The Alliance is focused on six strategic directions as follows:

- Enhance existing and, where necessary, develop new collaborative mechanisms, capacities and relationships to ensure relevant, cost effective and coordinated disaster mitigation and management at the local, regional and state levels.
- Enhance local governments' capacity, supported by State and Australian governments, to conduct local risk assessments and undertake disaster risk reduction and mitigation activities to improve community safety and sustainability while contributing to regional and State-level risk assessment, disaster mitigation and management.
- Enhance local governments' ability to conduct comprehensive emergency and disaster management planning and programming that enables effective readiness and improved community resilience commensurate with identified local risks and community need.
- Enhance local governments' ability to develop and provide effective response, relief and recovery arrangements commensurate with identified local risks and community need.
- Enhance state and local government capacity to participate in post emergency and disaster assessment and analysis to ensure continuous improvement in emergency and disaster management at the local and regional levels.
- Support emergency service volunteers to ensure they are resourced, trained, protected and supported to provide an effective local emergency and disaster response capability.

The Alliance seeks to deliver in these strategic areas through:

- the identification and development of appropriate guidelines, tools, policies and protocols.
- enhancing communication, education and training in disaster management as capacity building initiatives.
- the fostering of regional disaster management frameworks that enable Local Governments to work collaboratively in identifying efficiencies and opportunities in regional mitigation and in the management of shared risks and risk treatments.

The Alliance will strive to ensure that disaster management reforms such as comprehensive risk based planning, mitigation and effective response and recovery arrangements are adopted commensurate with the capacities of stakeholders. Moreover, the Alliance will seek to build capacity through coordination and collaboration with all levels of Government.