



FACT SHEET 4

Regional Alliance Groups

Effective disaster management, particularly mitigation, requires a collaborative approach between local governments that address regional as well as local needs.

The Alliance seeks to foster Regional Disaster Management Groups as a framework to enable Local Governments to collaborate on as well as coordinate shared or common disaster management issues, particularly in relation to disaster mitigation.

Regional Alliance Groups have the responsibility to plan, prioritise and manage disaster management and mitigation initiatives within the area prescribed by each Group. They also provide a forum for the coordination, promotion, enhancement and sharing of comprehensive disaster management strategies within their defined region.

They will provide the basis of the Alliance and the framework for implementation of Alliance initiatives and outputs at the Local Government level.

The purpose of Regional Alliance Groups is to:

- To promote an integrated disaster management capability through networks, shared forums, planning initiatives, processes, information, and resources;
- To raise issues and provide collective solutions to disaster management problems;
- To promote and facilitate the integration of comprehensive disaster management planning into Local Government corporate, operational & financial planning processes;
- To inform a range of stakeholders of regional disaster management strategies;
- To collate and coordinate complex risk treatment strategies which are beyond the capacity of individual Local Governments or which have a regional impact and, where necessary, elevate to State level for determination and resolution; and
- At a regional level, to promote and facilitate the integration of comprehensive disaster management planning into whole-of-government agencies strategic, operational & financial planning processes.

The makeup of Regional Alliance Groups is up to individual local governments who may choose to align themselves with other local governments based on shared risks or other common social, environmental or economic criteria.

Where possible, Regional Alliance Groups should align with existing Local Government structures such as the Regional Organisation of Councils or District Local Government Associations.