



FACT SHEET 6

What can the Alliance do for Local Government?

The Alliance is a collaborative and coordinating partnership that has no operational functions for Disaster Management.

It does however provide a framework that ensures effective collaboration and coordination between the State and Local Governments for disaster management issues at the local and regional levels.

Guidelines, Planning Tools, Protocols and Policy

The Alliance provides Local Governments, either individually or collectively as Regional Alliance Groups, with an avenue to raise issues that require the development of guidelines, protocols or policy. Raising such issues through the Alliance will assist in ensuring greater consistency and standardisation of guidelines, protocols and policies statewide. Disaster Management issues that cannot be resolved adequately at the local or regional levels can be elevated to the Disaster Management Alliance for further action. To raise disaster management issues through the Alliance contact:

The Disaster Management Alliance - Management Group

Local Government Association of Queensland

PO Box 2230, Fortitude Valley BC QLD 4006

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Attention: Disaster Management Alliance Management Group

Communications and Knowledge Management

A key benefit of the Alliance is the knowledge sharing that can be achieved, particularly through the formation of Regional Alliance Groups. These regional frameworks will assist in communicating disaster management knowledge, experience and learning between local governments and provide a forum where local governments can gain leverage, particularly in the area of shared risks and shared risk treatments.

Support for Regional Mitigation Funding

Getting a 'bigger bang for the buck' is the underpinning philosophy of the Alliance. While local mitigation needs will continue to be important, there is significant potential to seek mitigation funding that addresses the needs of multiple Local Governments. This regional approach is likely to net major cost savings to individual local governments and will assist in spreading the load for disaster mitigation project management.

Representation Local Government Interests

The Alliance will seek to ensure that Local Government interests are fully represented, particularly in national forums that contribute to Australian Government policy on Emergency and Disaster Management. These include areas of funding support such as the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP), the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) and volunteer support programs.