
Queensland Interim State Disaster Management Plan 2024-25

October 2024 Amendment Schedule

1.0 – Introduction

The Queensland State Disaster Management Plan (SDMP) was initially released in 2018 and an interim update was released in April 2023. The update focused on Machinery of Government (MoG) changes that were published in the Government Gazette on 29 June 2021.

In July 2024 the Queensland Disaster Management Committee (QDMC) approved a three phased approach to the review and renewal of the SDMP, including the phase one addendum to the SDMP.

This Amendment schedule accompanies the Interim SDMP 2024-25 and completes phase two of the program.

2.0 – Contact Details

For queries in relation to the content in the interim SDMP 2024-25, this amendment schedule or the review and renewal program, please contact D&GFramework@police.qld.gov.au.

3.0 – Phase Two

Phase two of the program focuses on ensuring the Interim SDMP 2024-25 is accurate and reflects:

- [Administrative Arrangements Order \(AAO\) \(No.2\) 2023](#)
- the [Emergency Services Reform Amendment Act 2024](#)
- the [Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024](#).

Changes of note include:

- the addition of key roles, groups and definitions
- an update to the Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements Triangle
- a re-write of *Section 3: Risk*
- partial redactions of *Section 5: Resilience*, *Section 9: Recovery* and *Section 11: Assurance*
- updating and aligning State Disaster Coordination Group (SDCG) member agency responsibilities to legislation.

4.0 – Structure

This amendment schedule is divided into three main sections:

- Additions (new content)
- Revisions (based on the SDMP 2023 content)
- Redactions (based on the SDMP 2023 content).

4.1 – Additions

The following table outlines the additions to the Interim SDMP 2024-2025.

Section and Topic	Change	Rationale
Scope and application	The scope of the Interim SDMP 2024-25 has been broadened to include the coordination of disaster recovery operations and activities relating to disaster management performed by those who have roles and responsibilities	A definition for recovery operations has been included in the Disaster Management Act 2003
Disaster Management Principles	Considering how to improve community resilience to disasters across the PPRR has been added as a guiding principle	Resilience as a guiding principle for disaster management has been included in the Disaster Management Act 2003
Key Terms	New definitions for Disaster Recovery Operations, Phase and Resilience incorporated	A definition for recovery operations, phase and resilience has been included in the Disaster Management Act 2003
Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements (QDMA)	The QDMA Triangle has been updated to incorporate changes and additions to state groups	Ensures the triangle provides a complete picture of the disaster management arrangements
Queensland Disaster Management Committee Functions	Functions of the QDMC have been updated	The functions are reflective of the endorsed QDMC Terms of Reference
State Disaster Management Group (SDM Group)	Addition of the SDM Group	The SDM Group has been included in the Disaster Management Act 2003
State Recovery and Resilience Group (SRRG)	Addition of the SRRG	The SRRG was created following a recommendation from the Office of the Inspector-General of Emergency Management review of the Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements
Executive Officer, SDM Group	Addition of the appointment and the functions of the Executive Officer, SDM Group	The Executive Officer, SDM Group has been included in the Disaster Management Act 2003

Section and Topic	Change	Rationale
Military Assistance	Additional paragraph added to highlight the reduced role of the Australian Defence Force	Updated to reflect the National Defence Strategy 2024
Risk	The risk section has been re-written to include an update on the definition of Disaster Risk Reduction, the removal of the summary of the Queensland Emergency Risk Management Framework	The responsibility for Risk transitioned to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) on 1 July 2024. The QRA is currently reviewing the disaster risk management space in Queensland which incorporates a re-design of the state risk assessment methodology.
Risk: Queensland's Hazard Profile	The findings from the Queensland 2023 State Disaster Risk Report on Queensland's hazard types have been incorporated.	The Queensland 2023 State Disaster Risk Report has been referenced as it replaces the Queensland State Natural Hazard Risk Assessment 2017
Appendix A: Queensland Disaster Districts and Local Government Areas	Added Weipa Town Authority to the Cairns Disaster District	Weipa Town Authority forms part of the Cairns Disaster District

4.2 – Revisions

The following table outlines the revisions to sections of the 2023 SDMP:

Section and Topic	Original Text	Revised Text	Rationale
Copyright information and disclaimer notice	GPO Box 1425 Brisbane Qld 4001	Nil	Updated with electronic contact option
1: Resilience	Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience 2017	Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience 2022-2027	Content has been superseded by the Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience 2022-2027
2: Disaster Management Groups – District Disaster Management Groups (DDMGs)	The state is comprised of 22 disaster districts and 77 local government areas	The state is comprised of 23 disaster districts, 77 local government areas and one Town Authority	Weipa has a Local Disaster Management Group and the Cairns and Mareeba DDMGs have de-amalgamated
2: Chief Executive/ Commissioner, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	Chief Executive Officer/ Commissioner of Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	Police Commissioner	Revised to reflect the role of the Police Commissioner under the Disaster Management Act 2003
2: Appointment (Chief Executive/ Commissioner, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services)	Minister for Fire and Emergency Services	Minister responsible for the Disaster Management Act 2003	Updated to reflect change in ministerial portfolio
2: Role (Chief Executive/ Commissioner, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services)	N/A	N/A	Revised to reflect the functions of the Police Commissioner in accordance with s16 A of the Disaster Management Act 2003
2: State Disaster Coordination Group (formation)	The SDCG supports the State Disaster Coordinator (SDC)	The SDCG is not established directly by legislation, but by the Chair of QDMC exercising their power under s48 of the Disaster Management Act 2003 (Qld) to establish a committee to assist a disaster management group perform its functions	The formation has been updated to reflect the QDMC endorsed SDCG Terms of Reference

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2: Local Disaster Coordinator Appointment	Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES)	Queensland Police Service	Replaced reference to the former QFES noting role of QPS in Disaster Management (DM)
2: Inspector-General of Emergency Management (appointment and role)	Minister for Fire and Emergency Services	Minister responsible for the <i>Disaster Management Act 2003</i>	Updated to reflect change in ministerial portfolio
2: Disaster Management Documents	QFES is responsible	QPS is responsible	Revised to reflect the role of QPS in DM
3: Disaster Risk Reduction	Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience 2017	Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience 2022-2027	Revised to reflect the updated Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience 2022-2027
7: Identified Hazards, Primary Agencies and Relevant Plans	Queensland Fire and Emergency Services / QFES	Change to Queensland Fire Department / QFD	Revised to reflect departmental name change
7: Identified Hazards, Primary Agencies and Relevant Plans	Department of Transport and Main Roads	Maritime Safety Queensland	Revised to reflect the plan being developed by Maritime Safety Queensland
7: Planning	The Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships has developed...	The “People with vulnerabilities...”	Reference to authoring department deleted due to incorrect attribution
7: Disaster Management Training	QFES is responsible	QPS is responsible	Revised to reflect the role of QPS in DM
7: Specific Training for Functions	DCDSS provides training for Ready Reservists...	Training is provided for the Ready Reserve workforce...	Reference to department deleted due to incorrect attribution

Section and Topic	Original Text	Revised Text	Rationale
8: Disaster Declarations	...with the approval of the Minister for Fire and Emergency Services...	...with the approval of the Minister responsible for the <i>Disaster Management Act 2003</i>	Updated to reflect change in ministerial portfolio
Throughout	EMA	NEMA	Revised to reflect departmental name change
Throughout	State Group	QDMC	Revised to reflect the <i>Disaster Management Act 2003</i>

4.3 – Redactions

The following sections of the 2023 SDMP have been redacted. Where possible, hyperlinks have been provided to current information.

Section	Rationale	Alternative Content
Foreword	Provided by the previous Premier	Nil
1.1.3: Population	Data based on superseded 2016 Census	Queensland regions compared, Census 2021
1.4.4: Supporting Principles	Further context is provided in the Emergency Management Assurance Framework	Emergency Management Assurance Framework
2.1.1: Queensland's disaster management arrangements – third paragraph	The recovery arrangements are pointed to in the recovery section of the plan and the State Disaster Coordination Group, and the State Recovery and Resilience Group have been included in Figure 2.1	Nil
2.1.2.3: Members of QDMC	The Disaster Management Regulation 2014 is the point of truth for membership	Disaster Management Regulation 2014
2.1.2.4: Members of the SDCG	Agency names have changed following the December 2023 MoG changes (AAO (No.2) 2023)	Nil
2.1.2.5: Functional Recovery Groups	Refer to the Queensland Recovery Plan	Queensland Recovery Plan
2.2.4: Queensland's referable dams paragraph three	Hyperlinks do not provide advice on assisting to develop emergency action plans	Nil

Section	Rationale	Alternative Content
2.4: Disaster Management Documents	Section related to Appendix E has been removed as appendix has been redacted	Nil
2.4.1: Disaster Management Activities	Section related to the Queensland State Natural Hazard Risk Assessment 2017 redacted as most current document is the Queensland 2023 State Disaster Risk Report	Queensland 2023 State Disaster Risk Report
Figure 2.2: Disaster Management Activities Calendar	Linked to the Queensland State Natural Hazard Risk Assessment 2017 which has been superseded	Nil
4.2: Principles of dissemination	Redacted as related to the Council of Australian Governments and superseded by the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience Public Information and Warnings Handbook	AIDR Public Information and Warnings Handbook
4.5: Media – Second Paragraph	Redacted as level of detail reflects a Standard Operating Procedure	Nil
4.6: Auslan – Second Paragraph	Redacted as level of detail reflects a Standard Operating Procedure	Nil
4.7: Multilingual resources and communication	Section related to the 2016 census redacted as most current census data is the 2021 census	Nil
4.9: Websites	Redacted as requires further roles and responsibilities definition	Nil
4.10: Event Management System	Section has been moved to <i>Section 8: Response – Event reporting/Event management system</i> to remove duplication	See <i>Section 8: Response – Event reporting/Event management system</i> in the Interim SDMP 2024-25

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4.11: Warnings	Redacted reference to the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction	Nil
4.11.1, 4.11.2 and 4.11.3: Warnings	Redacted due to updates and referring individuals to the revised Warnings Manual	Warnings Manual
5: Resilience	Redacted as content has been superseded by the Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience 2022-2027 and the Queensland Climate Adaptation Strategy 2017-2023 . Funding Programs have been revised and content is outdated	Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience 2022-2027 Queensland Climate Adaptation Strategy 2017-2023
6.2: Prevention Functions	Redacted the prevention functions as they are incorporated in the roles and responsibilities section of the plan	See <i>Appendix B – Disaster Management Roles and responsibilities</i> in the Interim SDMP 2024-25
6.3: Mitigation	Redacted references to the 2017 Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience noting it has been superseded by the Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience 2022-2027	Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience 2022-2027
6.3.1: Mitigation Strategies	References to the Strategic Policy Framework for Riverine Flood Risk Management and Community Resilience has been redacted as it has been superseded by the Queensland Flood Risk Management Framework	Queensland Flood Risk Management Framework
7.2: Planning	Section related to Appendix E has been removed as appendix has been redacted	Nil
7.3.2: Exercising	References to QFES redacted as exercising is now led by the QPS	Nil

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7.3.4: Pre-season Briefings	Redacted as pre-seasons briefings as referred to in the plan no longer operate	Nil
7.4.1: Public Information Campaigns	References to QFES managing the DM website have been deleted	Nil
7.4.2: Social Media	Redacted due to duplication	Nil
7.4.3: Websites and online Material	Redacted due to clarify roles and responsibility	Nil
Figure 8.2: Disaster Response Functions and Associated Lead Agencies	Redacted section as functions should be included in roles and responsibilities	See <i>Appendix B – Disaster Management Roles and responsibilities</i> in the Interim SDMP 2024-25
8.2.4.1: Disaster Declarations – paragraph four	Redacted as level of detail reflects a Standard Operating Procedure	Nil
8.2.4.3: The Guideline	Redacted due to duplicative content and is available in <i>Section 8: Response – Decision making</i>	Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery Disaster Management Guideline
8.3.4: Offers of Assistance	Deleted reference to QRA managing government arrangements with GIVIT due to inaccuracy	GIVIT - What we do
9: Recovery	Content has been superseded by the Queensland Recovery Plan	Queensland Recovery Plan Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

Section	Rationale	Alternative Content
Figure 10.1: Disaster Management Research Framework	Redacted as Framework has been amended	Disaster Management Research Framework
11.2: The Emergency Management Assurance Framework	Content has been superseded by the 2021 Emergency Management Assurance Framework	Emergency Management Assurance Framework
11.3: The Standard for Disaster Management in Queensland	Content has been superseded by the 2021 Standard for Disaster Management in Queensland	Standard for Disaster Management in Queensland
11.4: Assurance Activities	Content has been superseded by the 2021 Emergency Management Assurance Framework	Emergency Management Assurance Framework
12: Appendices – Appendix A – Queensland Disaster Management Groups and Committees	Redacted due to legislative changes and the addition of the State Disaster Management Group	Emergency Services Reform Amendment Act 2024
12: Appendices – Appendix G – Website Links	Redacted for interim version – hyperlinks are current within the document	Nil
12: Appendices – Appendix D – Queensland's Referable Dams	Redacted as superseded	Emergency Action Plans for Referable Dams.
12: Appendices – Appendix E – Document Map of Queensland Disaster Management Plans	Redacted as superseded and ongoing stakeholder engagement is required to update	Nil
12: Appendices – Appendix F – Principles of Public Information Dissemination	Redacted as related to the Council of Australian Governments and superseded by the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience Public Information and Warnings Handbook	AIDR Public Information and Warnings Handbook