

## Getting to know the Standard for Disaster Management in Queensland Info Sheet: Indicators of Outcome 2

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### Managing Risk

The management of risk is fundamental to making the community safer. Risks need to be identified for both natural and human-caused hazards. Entities have a shared responsibility to work together with their community to develop integrated strategies to manage these risks.

## Outcome 2: Risk is managed to reduce the impact of disasters on the community

### Examples of the Indicators of Outcome 2

**Please note: the following are examples only and should be used to inform understanding of how Indicators might be interpreted for individual circumstances rather than as a checklist**

#### Mitigation and risk reduction activities

Mitigation and risk reduction activities are informed by risk assessments

- Entities conduct mitigation and risk reduction activities for the hazards identified in the risk assessment
- Entities conduct hazard reduction burns in areas of high bushfire risk identified in the risk assessment

Mitigation and risk reduction activities are prioritised based on risk assessments and available resources

- Entities prioritise mitigation measures for hazards that are more likely to occur, or that will have a greater impact on the community
- Entities prioritise activities that can be performed immediately with the available resources, and schedules work that requires additional resources for the future

Mitigation and risk reduction activities are included in strategic and operational plans

- Entities consider the hazard mitigation activities that they conduct to be part of an overall strategy related to community safety, and includes these activities in strategic plans
- Activities performed to reduce risks and mitigate against hazards are included in both event-specific and for normal business operational plans

Mitigation and risk reduction activities are considered business-as-usual

- Entities include mitigation and risk reduction activities in normal business operations, and consider them to be primary functions
- When developing public green spaces, entities consider ways that the landscape can safely divert excess water from heavy rainfall into reservoirs, waterways or other natural areas designed to reduce the potential impacts

Mitigation and risk reduction activities consider unintended consequences

- Entities consider the potential for habitat loss when creating firebreaks

- When regenerating a waterway for floodplain management, entities also consider ways of increasing the area's biodiversity

### Entities

#### Entities understand hazards and risks

- Entities take the time to understand the hazards and associated risks identified in the risk assessment, and the impacts that they may have on the community

#### Entities embed mitigation and risk reduction activities into normal business

- When heavy rainfall is expected, road maintenance crews conduct additional checks of stormwater drains

#### Entities encourage and enable the community to help manage their own risks

- The community is provided with information about the risks specific to their area, and the actions they can take
- Entities provide the community with resources and information, and provides training opportunities that help them to manage their own risks

#### Entities work together to manage risks

- Hazard reduction burns are conducted jointly between the relevant entities
- Disaster management groups work with the Queensland Police Service to manage the safe movement of people during events

### The community

#### The community knows their hazards and the associated risks

- Entities make the risk assessment available on their website, and promote it on social media channels, enabling the community to understand the hazards identified for their area and the associated risks
- Entities conduct community surveys to proactively evaluate levels of community understanding of the hazards and risks that are present in the area

#### The community is invested and acts to reduce the impact of events

- Individuals in the community clean their gutters annually and clear their properties of flammable debris
- There is strong community participation in volunteerism related to disaster management

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