# Understanding the Standard for Disaster Management in Queensland **Prompt Sheet:** Indicators of Outcome 1



## 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 1: There is a shared understanding of risks for all relevant hazards

The following questions are intended to be used as prompts for entities to think about how the Indicators of this Outcome might apply to their own circumstances.

## The risk assessment process

#### The risk assessment process involves all relevant entities

- Who are the entities that are relevant to the risk assessment process?
- Have they all been included in the risk assessment process?
- Have they all chosen to participate in the risk assessment process?

### The risk assessment process follows a recognised methodology

 What recognised methodology does the risk assessment process use to develop the risk assessment?

#### The risk assessment process considers all hazards and potential risks

- Does the risk assessment process consider both hazards that have already occurred, and potential hazards?
- Is the risk assessment based on a current hazard assessment?
- Does the risk assessment consider converging events?
- Does the risk assessment consider both the likely and unlikely impacts of potential hazards?

#### The risk assessment process is evidence-based

- What evidence is the risk assessment process based on?
- What are the sources for this evidence?

#### The risk assessment process draws on local knowledge and experiences

- Does the risk assessment process draw on the local knowledge and experiences of community members?
- Does the risk assessment process consider previous events and their impacts?
- Does the risk assessment process integrate the knowledge and experience of Traditional Owners?

#### **Risk assessments**

#### Risk assessments incorporate community values and priorities

 Does the risk assessment include information about the locations, assets, infrastructure and social structures that the community values?



• Does the risk assessment include information about sites of cultural significance, and the wishes of Traditional Owners regarding how hazards in those locations should be managed and mitigated?

#### Risk assessments are fit for purpose and relevant to the local context

- Is the risk assessment specific to the local area, geography and context?
- Does the risk assessment contain all of the information needed in order to prioritise risks and treatments?

#### Risk assessments are accessible to all relevant entities

- Is the public risk assessment kept or made available in a place/s where other entities and the community can find it and access it?
- Is the risk assessment available in different formats to cater for the needs of different people? (e.g. culturally and linguistically diverse people, people with disability, people who require different methods of access)

#### Risk assessments inform all phases of disaster management

• Is the risk assessment used to inform the actions taken during prevention, preparedness, response and recovery?

#### Risk assessments underpin all disaster management activities

- Is the risk assessment the basis for all disaster management activities?
- Does your entity consider the risk assessment, in addition to other information, prior to making decisions and taking actions?

#### Risk assessments inform business continuity planning

Does the risk assessment inform the business continuity plan?

#### Risk assessments identify, refer or accept residual risk

- Does the risk assessment identify residual risk?
- Does the risk assessment identify how each residual risk will be treated (i.e. will it be accepted or referred)?
- If the risk assessment refers a residual risk, has the entity it has been referred to been consulted and has it accepted the risk?

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