

Getting to know the Standard for Disaster Management in Queensland Info Sheet: Indicators of Outcome 4

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Planning and plans

Planning involves many steps. It should result in entities working with their community to prioritise how their collective and collaborative efforts will reduce the impact of disasters on the community. Plans document these efforts, identify interdependencies, roles and responsibilities, and provide guidance on how to undertake disaster management. The planning process results in a shared understanding of the efforts required to reduce the risk to the community.

Outcome 4: Plans outline and detail how the impact of disasters on the community will be reduced

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

Disaster management plans

Disaster management plans are informed by disaster management guidelines

- Entities' plans are informed by the [Queensland Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery Disaster Management Guideline](#)

Disaster management plans are informed by evidence

- Bushfire management plans are informed by data about existing fuel loads and climatological impacts
- The Queensland [Emergency Management Sector Adaptation Plan for climate change](#) is informed by climate science

Disaster management plans are informed by risks

- Entities develop sub plans for the hazards and associated risks identified in the risk assessment

Disaster management plans are informed by people with relevant skills or expertise

- People with relevant skills or expertise inform disaster management plans, for example evacuation centre management plans are informed by individuals who have completed training in evacuation centre management
- Operational plans for an event are informed by individuals with training in an operational methodology such as that described in the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience's [Incident Management Handbook](#)

Disaster management plans are approved by the accountable entity

- The [Queensland State Disaster Management Plan](#) is approved by the Queensland Disaster Management Committee
- Hazard-specific response plans are developed and approved by the primary agency

Disaster management plans consider activities initiated by the community

- Management of food donated by the community is included in evacuation centre management plans
- Local governments have a plan in place for management of spontaneous volunteers

Disaster management plans consider funding arrangements, eligibility criteria, and activation mechanisms

- The triggers and necessary approvals for activation are included in disaster management plans
- Recovery plans include information about the [Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements](#), and the eligibility criteria for these arrangements

Disaster management plans identify redundancies for people and resources

- Entities identify alternate personnel to fill the roles needed to operationalise disaster management plans
- Disaster management plans identify the alternative resources available if primary resources cannot be accessed, where they come from and how they can be used

Disaster management planning and plans

Disaster management planning and plans are fit for purpose and meet entity needs

- The processes described in disaster management plans align to the activities performed by personnel in practice

Disaster management planning and plans meet the needs of the community

- Disaster management planning and plans are specific to the community they apply to, including the community's specific geographical, socio-economic and societal attributes
- Planning and plans include things that the community has identified as being important, such as local landmarks that the community has identified as being of special value or significance

Disaster management planning and plans identify and acknowledge community capability and capacity

- Disaster management planning and plans acknowledge the capability and capacity of different community and volunteer organisations and the ways in which they contribute to disaster management

Disaster management planning and plans are integrated and consider multi-agency requirements

- District disaster management groups review the relevant local disaster management plans when developing the district disaster management plan to ensure that they are aligned
- Entities develop plans that include the resourcing requirements of other entities where relevant

Disaster management planning and plans address the management of offers of assistance

- The disaster management planning process includes discussions about how offers of assistance will be managed, including donations of food and household goods, financial donations, and offers of physical assistance to conduct response, relief or recovery efforts
- Local governments have a sub-plan that determines how offers of assistance will be managed

Disaster management planning and plans establish the requirements for post-event evaluation

- The planning process includes discussions that determine how post-event evaluation will be conducted, and the performance indicators that will be included in the evaluation
- Disaster management plans document the need for post-event evaluation, and the performance indicators for the activities and actions described in each plan

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