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Recovery Activation Guide

Purpose

This document provides a guide for decision-making when assessing the recovery governance arrangements and resource options that might be needed after a disaster.

This document is an appendix to the State Disaster Recovery Operations Guideline 2019

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Minor Level Activation

Capacity to manage recovery	Governance arrangements	Recovery options/resources
<p>Recovery is manageable by individual, neighbourhood, community, council Some or all of the following is present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People are resilient and self-reliant but seek information and guidance • Insurance coverage is adequate • Resources are accessible to meet needs 	<p>Formal structures not likely to be required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control agency assesses situation and informs those involved • ZEST, if activated, informs State Disaster Recovery • Local community associations might be involved 	<p>https://www.recovery.sa.gov.au/</p> <p>For useful information and resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance and utility companies respond to issues and provide information • Council responds to issues through Business as usual mechanisms

Examples of previous events of this level in South Australia are: Kingston Tornado, 2013 Rocklea Fires, 2014, Storm/Flooding Port Adelaide, 2015

Small Level Activation

Capacity to manage recovery	Governance arrangements	Recovery options/resources
<p>As for minor level, plus Some or all of the following is present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of 2-3 agencies • Standard business practices are adequate • Areas of vulnerability are identified and managed locally • Majority of producers are managing conditions 	<p>As for minor level, plus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal structures might be required for short term • Recovery coordinator might be needed for short term • Community might need to be involved through local mechanisms 	<p>As for minor level, plus the following is available on request</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance from another council • Local Government Functional Support can provide support across councils • Support and advice from State Disaster Recovery

Examples of previous events of this level in SA are: Bangor Fire 2014, Sherwood Fire 2019, Keilira Fire 2020

Medium Level Activation

Capacity to manage recovery	Governance arrangements	Recovery options/resources
<p>Local capacity to manage might be exceeded Some or all of the following might be present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than one township or council affected • Community profile might have areas of vulnerability that stretch local capacity • Community members might need psycho-social support • Increased public messaging, media and/or political interests • Local resources are fully committed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control agency assesses situation and informs those involved • ZEST, if activated informs SDR • Formal recovery structures might be needed for multiple agency coordination • State Recovery Operations Group meet as required • Community recovery coordinator to lead recovery activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair Local Recovery Committee - Develop Recovery Plan - Manage communication 	<p>As for small level, plus the following might be needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance with coordination from State Disaster Recovery • Coordination across all recovery domains • Recovery centre or mobile recovery • Appointment of community recovery officer • Appointment of community recovery coordinator • Communication strategies

Examples of previous events of this level in SA are: Riverland Storm 2016, Virginia Floods (Gawler River) 2016, Yorketown Bushfire 2019,

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High Level Activation

<p>Capacity to manage recovery State assumes responsibility for recovery coordination in partnership with local community As above, plus the following might be present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public health and environmental hazards Losses on average agricultural and horticultural production and profitability Businesses might see reduced spending Supply chains may be impacted Domestic and/or international travel impacted 	<p>Governance arrangements</p> <p>Undeclared</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Emergency Centre (SEC) likely to be activated State Recovery Operations Group meets regularly Emergency Management Council (Cabinet) meetings State Emergency Relief Fund may be activated <p>Declared</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Emergency Centre (SEC) activated Assistant Coordinator– Recovery appointed State Recovery Operations Group meets regularly State Recovery Coordination and Planning Group meets Emergency Management Council (Cabinet) meets State Emergency Relief Fund may be activated 	<p>Recovery options/resources</p> <p>The following is required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination across all recovery domains Recovery centre/s and mobile recovery Appointment of community recovery officer/s Appointment of community recovery coordinator/s Communication strategies Additional Commonwealth and/or State funding is likely <p>Declared</p> <p>As above, plus the following might be needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interstate Assistance through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Guidelines for Interstate Assistance (Community Recovery)</i> <i>Medium to Long term Accommodation Plan</i> <i>Other Capability Plans</i>
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Examples of previous events of this level in SA are: Wangary Fire 2005, Sampson Flat Fire 2015, Pinery Fire 2015, Adelaide Hills (Cudlee Creek) 2019, Kangaroo Island 2019-2020

Catastrophic Level Activation

<p>Capacity to manage recovery State assumes responsibility for recovery coordination in partnership with local communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity of state agencies under great pressure Extensive state and federal resources deployed for extended period Event/s may be at a level not previously experienced 	<p>Governance arrangements</p> <p>As for high level declared event plus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced governance arrangements may be activated (eg taskforce, new authority) 	<p>Recovery options/resources</p> <p>As for high level plus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional State and/or commonwealth funding COMDISPLAN activated for Commonwealth assistance
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South Australia has not experienced a catastrophic event since Ash Wednesday 1983. Other examples include Black Saturday Bushfire 2009 and the Christchurch Earthquakes 2011.