

Delivering Better Responses to Natural Disasters and Other Emergencies


Government response to the Technical Advisory Group's recommendations

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Improving how New Zealand
responds to natural disasters
and other emergencies
requires us to make progress
in **five key areas**

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Putting the **safety and wellbeing** of people at the heart of the emergency response system




This means better

- ✓ Identification of welfare needs
 - ✓ Participation of iwi/ Māori and marae
 - ✓ Public communication in a response
 - ✓ Public warnings, particularly for tsunami
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Strengthening the **national
leadership** of the emergency
management system

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This means better

- ✓ Oversight by a national emergency management agency (currently MCDEM)
 - ✓ Stewardship of the emergency management system
 - ✓ National standards to set minimum service levels and ensure operational consistency
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Making it clear **who is responsible for what**,
nationally and regionally




This means better

- ✓ Planning how agencies work together and who will do what, when
 - ✓ Decision making and communication about when an incident becomes an emergency and who is in control
 - ✓ Authority for Controllers to coordinate emergency response
 - ✓ Legislation to set out functions and responsibilities of local authorities
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Building the **capability and capacity** of the emergency management workforce

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This means better

- ✓ Ability to assist local response efforts through Fly-in Teams
 - ✓ Training and accreditation of Controllers.
 - ✓ Capability of those working in CIMS roles
 - ✓ Volunteer capability and capacity
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Improving the **information
and intelligence** system that
supports decision making in
emergencies



This means better

- ✓ Synthesis of information into a Common Operating Picture for decision makers
 - ✓ Integration of science advice into emergency responses
 - ✓ National capability through a new or improved national emergency management facility
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Providing **funding** to deliver
the changes we need to make





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to progress key elements
and develop business
cases for a

**Common Operating
Picture**

and a


**National Emergency
Management Facility**

and to

**progress legislative
change**



Establishing specialist **rapid fly-in teams** to support communities in emergencies.

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Questions?

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