# WA Community Disaster Resilience



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2 <u>WA Community Disaster Resilience Strategy</u> Resilience: It happens before, during and after a disaster

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## Appendices

### Appendix 1: Creating the Strategy

#### How It Came To Be

In 2019, the SEMC identified that more could be done in the resilience space. Specifically, that the community wanted to do more. In response to this gap, a grant application was applied for and approved via the National Disaster Risk Reduction grant stream. When a disaster sweeps through, it's the community members that are not only the most impacted but also are best positioned to activate resources and coordinate a response.

It is also widely accepted that community members want to be prepared and involved at all stages of resilience building. With this as the foundation, the project was designed to provide a clear mechanism for which community members could be heard, reflected, and integrated into resilience planning and management. What you read today is the collective voice of many community members.

It's important to note that the COVID-19 global pandemic disrupted the project in 2020.

COVID-19 also provided important insights into the resilience of communities across the state and made it easier to have discussions about disaster resilience because everyone was impacted in some way.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services has provided the lead role in the development and delivery of the Community Disaster Resilience Strategy on behalf of the SEMC. This project has been driven out of the State Emergency Management Committee's (SEMC) Community Resilience and Recovery Subcommittee, recognising the multi-agency approach that is required to develop and implement a state-wide Strategy.

> There is no one answer and no single approach to improving community preparedness and resilience. The strategy is a starting point and a guide.



### Appendix 2: Strategy Timeline Key Project Milestones



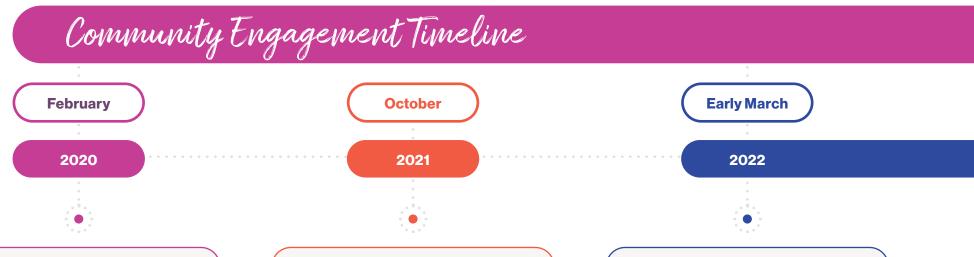
### Appendix 3: Community Groups & Agencies Involved

DFES expresses their gratitude to each of these organisations for their enthusiasm and involvement in the project so far.

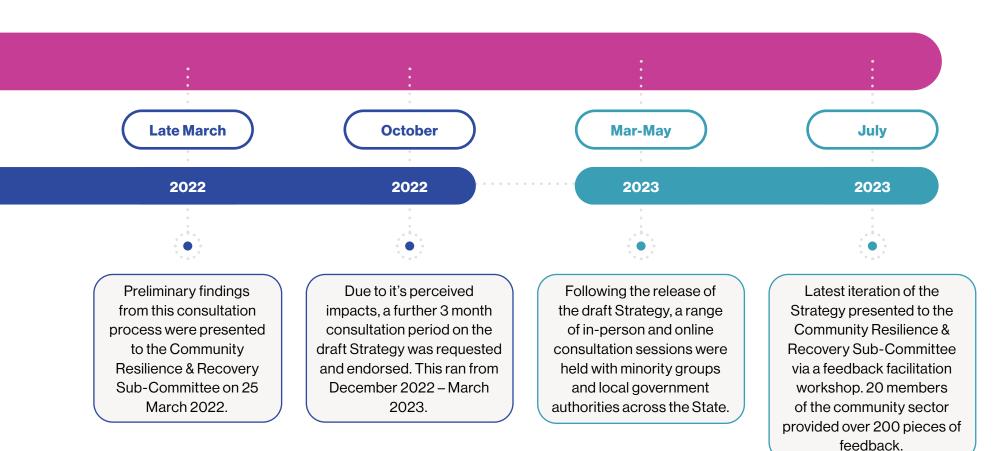




### Appendix 4: Community Engagement Timeline



More than 240 participants, including community leaders, residents, volunteers, businesses, organisations and emergency services personnel have participated in community conversations. Extensive engagement was also undertaken with stakeholders in the State Government, Local Government and community sector. The Minister for Emergency Services, announced the start of consultation on the Discussion Paper at the WA Emergency Management Conference in October 2021. Project officers supplied flyers to all attendees of the conference and held a stall at which people could come and discuss the Discussion Paper. Key stakeholders in the Emergency Management sector, were invited to attend workshops during March 2022. The workshops were designed to specifically explore the proposed components of the Discussion Paper and what elements are required to ensure it is something that is useful and achievable for their organisation and more broadly.



### Appendix 5: Community Engagement Process

2020 Initial Consultation Pre-Discussion Paper



### 240

Participants in a range of consultation sessions held across the state.

#### Participants were consulted on:

- 1. Whether the Outcomes Framework was something that would be able to apply in their work.
- 2. To gauge support for the initiatives.
- 3. What would help them to implement the Strategy.
- 4. What would hinder them in implementing the Strategy.

#### 2022 Discussion Paper Consultation

137 LGAs invited to attend workshops

People representing **18** community organisations

25

3

3

67

29

People representing **52 LGAs** 

People representing **DFES** 

People representing WALGA

3

5

1:1 Meetings held with State & Community Agencies

States engaged with to understand lessons and processes for developing their Strategies **Online workshops** held be professional community engagement consultants

### 2023 Draft Strategy Consultation

**Sessions** held with People with Disabilities

Sessions held with

**Aboriginal Elders** 

### 7

Online and in-person consultation sessions held throughout the state

### 2

**Interpreters** used at CaLD (Culturally and linguistically Diverse) and Multicultural sessions

At these forums the facilitator asked participants to consider how prepared they truly were and what their understanding of Emergency Management is, including posing questions such as what might happen if mobile communications went down, what might evacuation look like, where do you source your information.

#### The following questions were asked via the SEMC website:

- 1. Do the guiding principles capture the core considerations for achieving community disaster resilience?
- 2. Do the key objectives and outcomes represent the right outcomes for a community? Are they practical to guide monitoring and evaluation of projects and activities?
- 3. How likely are you to progress any of the initiatives and opportunities?
- 4. How likely are you to integrate or use the Strategy to guide your organisation's activities?
- 5. Is there anything else you would like to see the Strategy address?

16 Responses were received from 16 Organisations via resilience@dfes.wa.gov.au

### Appendix 6: Disasters: Who Manages What?

Disasters that haven't happened yet are called hazards. The State Government divides hazards into categories according to the agency that is best suited to manage them. This section describes which Hazard Management Agency (HMA) has responsibility over the broad range of hazards that exist.







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