

Local Government in Emergency Management

The NSW Emergency Management Framework is based on 4 principles the

P.P.R.R.

PREVENTION	PREPARATION	RESPONSE	RECOVERY
Is the application of mitigation strategies to ensure damage doesn't happen or is minimised when it occurs.	Is making plans for to manage emergencies before they happen and working with community to build awareness and preparedness	Is the organised and coordinated response by emergency management agencies in managing an emergency event	Is the process of bringing the community back to functioning again in the wake of an emergency.

Local Government has a specific role to play within the PPRR Framework

Prevention	Through planning instruments, the enforcement of building codes, and oversight of construction, Council ensures that new buildings are fit for purpose and able to withstand (as far as possible) inherent hazards in the area.	
	Council provides essential services and ensures that those assets are built to withstand hazards and prevent or minimise their effects when they do occur as in stormwater drainage, so houses don't flood.	
	Council manages bushland areas through hazard reduction, fire trail and asset protection zone maintenance around built assets and the urban interface.	
Preparation	Through legislation, Council is tasked with providing the Chair and Executive Officer as well as hosting the Local Emergency Management Committee or LEMC who work with the community to build awareness and preparedness to local hazards.	
	Through the risk assessment process, the LEMC write plans and guides for the management of local events based on State emergency management arrangements (which agency is tasked with the management of which hazard)'	
Response	State legislation has determined which emergency management agency (e.g. RFS, SES, FRNSW, Police) will manage which type of event and who will support their efforts. Council provides an emergency operations centre (EOC) to support the combat agency and the community during an event.	
Recovery	After a disaster, Council appoints a recovery committee to support those affected through the recovery process over the short, medium and long term by coordinating needed services, repairing damaged assets, providing essential services, clean-up, re-building oversight and recovery of the natural environment.	

Important Note:

Council DOES NOT have authority to direct, manage or control any of the emergency management agencies. In a life or property threatening emergency DO NOT call Council. Call 000 and make sure you have a survival plan in place.