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Publication

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To advance the practice of emergency management activity in Australia through the dissemination of high-quality articles from the academic and practitioner communities.

AJEM aims

- Be attractive to researchers in Australia and internationally as a vehicle for publication of high-quality research.
- Be attractive to practitioners as a source of information and current thinking on emergency management.
- Facilitate a discourse within the emergency management community to enhance capability.
- Stimulate discussion relating to innovative emergency management policy and practice.
- Provide an opportunity for practitioners to report, describe events, trends and issues relevant to the field.
- Educate and raise awareness of current trends in emergency management.
- Increase awareness of emergency management matters.

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- readiness
- response
- recovery

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