

Disaster Risk Handbook

Project Brief

Context	<p>AIDR is contracted by Emergency Management Australia (EMA) to manage the Australian Disaster Resilience Handbook Collection ('Handbook Collection'). The Handbook Collection provides guidance on national principles and practices for disaster resilience.</p> <p>The Disaster Risk Handbook is being developed in 2020-21. This new handbook will incorporate a major review of the National Emergency Risk Assessment Guidelines (AIDR 2015) and reflect the new policy landscape established by the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework (Home Affairs 2018) and insights and new approaches outlined in the Guidance for Strategic Decisions on Climate and Disaster Risk.</p>
Purpose	<p>The purpose of the Disaster Risk Handbook is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be an authoritative and trusted source of knowledge disaster risk in Australia • provide clarity on the nationally agreed principles of disaster risk in Australia • identify and promote the adoption of good practice of disaster risk • build interoperability between jurisdictions, agencies, businesses and community leaders by outlining common language and coordinated, nationally agreed principles • align national disaster risk reduction and resilience strategy and policy by informing and assisting jurisdictions, agencies and other organisations and individuals in the implementation and adoption of these arrangements.
Audience	<p>The intended audiences for the handbook are the people responsible for developing disaster risk policies, capabilities and doctrine within their own jurisdictions, agencies, organisations, and communities. These agencies and organisations include Commonwealth, state, territory and local government departments, emergency management agencies and non-government organisations.</p> <p>The audience may also include community groups, educators, researchers, planners, businesses and the private sector that may also find content in the handbooks that will be of value to them. It is expected that international organisations involved in emergency management and disaster resilience will also use the handbooks.</p>
Project description	<p>The project will draw on and complement current and ongoing activity in disaster risk and build on the capability and knowledge of organisations and individuals across the disaster resilience and disaster risk reduction sector in Australia and internationally.</p> <p>A multidisciplinary expert reference group will inform the project and a content writer will be engaged.</p>

<p>Outputs</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A project brief and project plan. 2. Engagement with and collaboration amongst the multidisciplinary reference groups and key stakeholders. 3. Environmental scan including needs assessment and gap analysis to inform handbook content and to reflect current good practice in disaster risk. 4. A published Disaster Risk Handbook that will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be published online with read, print, search and purchase functionality through the Australian Disaster Resilience Knowledge Hub and other AIDR websites. • be governed by a set of principles and guidelines to ensure compliance with the Australian Disaster Resilience handbook collection framework, policy and guidelines. • include a process for lifecycle management of the handbook. • include a framework for identifying and developing resources to support adoption and application of the handbook in practice. 5. Where need and value are demonstrated, companion tools will be identified and developed to provide additional guidance and support to the handbook in these circumstances. 6. National promotion of the Disaster Risk Handbook.
<p>Outcomes</p>	<p>The handbook will be developed with current and relevant content that will be easily accessible and useful for anyone involved in or interested in disaster risk.</p> <p>The handbook will be recognised as the leading national authoritative guidance in disaster risk in Australia. It will be well-known and be referenced and form the foundation for development of more inclusive, detailed, jurisdictional and agency relevant emergency management arrangements.</p>
<p>Project Working Group membership</p>	<p>The AIDR Handbook Advisory Group will provide governance and guidance to the review of the handbook within the national disaster resilience handbook collection including guidance on scope, purpose and project delivery.</p> <p>Members of the Steering Committee (if applicable) and Working Group will be selected based on their skills, experience and sector or area of interest which their organisation represents.</p>



Key milestones	Project brief and scoping	September – October 2020
	Writer appointed	September 2020
	Project working group convened	October 2020
	Working group feedback on scope and content	November 2020
	First draft	December 2020
	Working group feedback on first draft	December 2020
	Second draft	January 2021
	Working group feedback on second draft	February 2021
	Third draft	March 2021
	Working group feedback on third draft	April 2021
	Final draft and review	May 2021
	Submitted to working group for sign off	June 2021
	Submitted to AHAG and DG EMA for endorsement	June 2021
	<i>*Dates are not confirmed and subject to change</i>	
Related documents	<p>AIDR's Disaster Risk Reduction Collection</p> <p>National Emergency Risk Assessment Guidelines, AIDR 2020</p> <p>National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework, Home Affairs 2018</p> <p>Guidance for Strategic Decisions on Climate and Disaster Risk, Home Affairs 2019</p> <p>The First National Action Plan: To implement the national Disaster Risk Reduction Framework, Home Affairs 2020</p> <p>National Strategy for Disaster Resilience, COAG 2011</p> <p>Profiling Australia's Vulnerability, National Resilience Taskforce 2018</p> <p>Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, UNDRR</p>	
About AIDR	<p>AIDR is a disaster resilience knowledge centre. We develop, maintain and share knowledge and learning to support a disaster resilient Australia. We work with government, communities, non-government organisations, not-for-profits, research organisations, education partners, and the private sector to enhance disaster resilience through innovative thought leadership, professional development and knowledge sharing.</p> <p>AIDR is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Home Affairs through Emergency Management Australia and supported by its partners, AFAC and Australian Red Cross.</p>	
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