
DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

APPROVALS

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OBJECTIVE

Isaac Regional Council (IRC) has a duty of care under the relevant Act(s) and Regulations to mitigate the potential adverse effects of an event, through effective disaster and emergency management operations; ensuring where possible, that the community and its workers are not placed in a position that may cause injury or harm during operations.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Council employees, contractors, volunteers and visitors to the workplace.

The Policy will address commitment, responsibilities, resourcing, implementation and improvement of the council disaster and emergency management systems.

DEFINITIONS

TERM / ACRONYM	MEANING
IRC	Isaac Regional Council.
DISASTER	A disaster is a serious disruption in a community, caused by the impact of an event that requires a significant coordinated response by the State and other entities to help the community recover from the disruption.
EMERGENCY	An emergency is a situation that poses an immediate risk to health, life, property, or environment.
EVENT	An event may be natural or caused by human acts or omissions.

POLICY STATEMENT

Isaac Regional Council will through effective application and compliance to the Disaster Management Act 2003 & Regulations 2014; the Building Fire Safety Regulations 2008, Work Health and Safety Act 2011 & Regulations 2011 any other applicable legislation and standards; strive to safeguard people, property and the environment from disaster or emergency impacts. IRC will empower and support local communities to manage disaster risks, respond to events and be more resilient. IRC will develop effective strategies and plans to prepare, respond and recover from emergency and/or disaster situations.

PRINCIPLES

To ensure effective disaster and emergency management systems IRC will:

- Ensure disaster and emergency operation capabilities are responsive and effective.
- Resource and train our staff to ensure effective response to disaster and emergency situations.
- Effectively collaborate and share responsibilities for disaster management across all levels of government, industry and communities.
- Effectively communicate to engage all stakeholders in disaster management.
- Incorporate risk based planning into disaster and emergency management decision making.
- Maintain fire installations and other equipment and infrastructure to support effective disaster and emergency management operations.
- Continuously improve disaster and emergency management through effective analysis and implementation of lessons learned.

LEGISLATIONS AND RELATED GUIDELINES

- *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*
- *Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990*
- *Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008*
- *Disaster Management Act 2003*
- *Disaster Management Regulation 2014*

REFERENCES

TYPE	DOCUMENT ID/NAME
PROCEDURE	Emergency Response Management Plan Local Disaster Management Plan.