



Building a modern and inclusive emergency management system

Regulatory Framework Review (“Trifecta”) Programme

The Regulatory Framework Review Programme will build a modern, fit-for-purpose, and enduring framework for the emergency management system so that:

- communities better understand the risks they face and are better prepared to respond to and recover from emergencies
- iwi and Māori participation is recognised, enabled and valued
- the emergency management system is well-coordinated, high-performing and enjoys widespread trust and confidence
- the impacts of emergencies on people, the economy and the environment are reduced.

How we’re building the framework

In late 2020, the National Emergency Management Agency established a new Policy Unit to lead the Regulatory Framework Review Programme to bring together three projects that will enable New Zealand to achieve its emergency management system reforms.

We are building on previous work, including the development of the National Disaster Resilience Strategy and the Government’s response to a Technical Advisory Group’s report into how New Zealand responds to natural disasters and other emergencies.

We are drawing on a wide range of expertise across central and local government, and the emergency management sector, including Māori advisors through the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Emergency Management.

Insights from the 2021 National Emergency Management Conference – Hui Taumata o Te Uepū Whakahaere Haumaru and a stakeholder survey also inform our work.

Continuing engagement

Engagement is happening in layers according to the different roles played by the Bill (enabling activity), Plan (planning activity), and Roadmap (change activity).

There will be targeted engagement for the remaining issues for the new Emergency Management Bill in late 2021 and early 2022, as well as the public submission process as the Parliamentary Select Committee considers the Bill in 2022.

Broader engagement to develop the Roadmap for the National Disaster Resilience Strategy, and the review of the National CDEM Plan and Guide will start in early 2022, and continue throughout the year.

The Trifecta Programme brings together three projects:



Develop a new Emergency Management Bill

A new Emergency Management Bill, that builds on what already works, is required to implement the changes required to modernise existing emergency management structures and make them fit-for purpose.

Our objectives are to achieve a new Act for emergency management, which:

- reflects the place of the Treaty of Waitangi in emergency management
- provides for greater recognition of the “4 Rs” – risk reduction, readiness, response, and recovery
- is informed by the views of the emergency management sector, iwi and Māori, and the community
- is part of a consistent, coherent, and streamlined overarching emergency management legal framework
- is consistent with modern legislative design and fit for purpose for end user and sector needs.



Review of the National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan and accompanying Guide

The Plan sets out the roles and responsibilities of everyone involved in reducing risks, preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies. The Guide provides additional information and operational arrangements.

Our objectives for the review are to:

- update and enhance current planning arrangements, including incorporating lessons identified through emergency responses, recoveries and reviews
- ensure the form and function is fit-for-purpose and aligned with the emergency management planning framework.
- ensure roles and responsibilities across the 4 Rs are clearly defined, communicated, and well understood.



Develop a Roadmap for the National Disaster Resilience Strategy

The Strategy outlines the vision and long-term goals for civil defence emergency management in New Zealand.

The Strategy sets three priorities for the next ten years to improve our nation’s resilience to disasters:

1. Managing risks
2. Effective response to and recovery from emergencies
3. Enabling, empowering, and supporting community resilience

The Roadmap will detail how to achieve these changes. It will identify the key actions required to shift from our current to our target state and describe the work required to deliver the key shifts.

The Roadmap’s emphasis will be on work to be done over the next three to five years (and will be updated over time).

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