

## Council Emergency Management Policy

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### 1. Introduction

Emergencies have the potential to disrupt the strategic and operational activities of council and adversely impact communities.

The roles of local government in emergency management are informed by the State Emergency Management Plan (SEMP) and the Local Government Emergency Management Framework (LGEMF). They are enabled by the Local Government Act 1999, which outlines the requirement for councils to consider risks (including emergency risks) as follows:

1. make informed decisions (section 6);
2. take measures to protect their area from natural hazards (section 7);
3. provide infrastructure for community and for development (section 7);
4. ensure the sustainability of the council's long-term financial performance (section 8);
5. assess the maintenance, replacement or development needs for infrastructure (section 122); and
6. identify anticipated or predicted changes in any factors that make a significant contribution to the costs of the council's activities or operations (section 122).

In addition, the Local Government Act requires council's to *"give due weight, in all its plans, policies and activities to regional, state and national objectives and strategies concerning the economic, social, physical and environmental development and management of the community"* (section 8).

### 2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that a supporting Council Emergency Management Framework is developed and maintained that defines Council's roles and responsibilities in emergency management.

### 3. Scope

This policy applies to Light Regional Council in exercising powers and functions under the various Acts and agreements to which it is a party in the State of South Australia.

#### 4. Policy Statement

Light Regional Council will develop and maintain a Council Emergency Management Framework that defines Council's roles and responsibilities in accordance with the SEMP and LGEMF around the three pillars of:

- Disaster Risk Reduction;
- Incident operations; and
- Recovery

#### 5. Related Documents

Related documents will be included within the Light Regional Council Emergency Management Framework document.

#### 6. Review and Re-evaluation

This Policy shall be reviewed within at a minimum four (4) years of Issue Date or more frequently if legislation or organisational needs change.

#### 7. History of Policy Amendment

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## Appendix 1: Emergency Management Flowchart

