
**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 17 JULY 2024
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

1. REPORT OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held on 9 May 2024 at the Narromine Shire Emergency Services Complex are attached (**See Attachment No. 1**).

Attachment No 2 of the minutes has not been included in the report as it contains personal contact information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the Local Emergency Management Committee and the recommendations from the minutes of the Meeting held on 9 May 2024 be adopted.

**MINUTES OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE
NARROMINE SHIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMPLEX ON
THURSDAY, 9 MAY 2024**

PRESENT: **Doug Moorby** (Chair)(LEMO)(Manager Utilities, NSC); **Melanie Slimming** (Narromine Shire Council, Director Infrastructure & Engineering Services); **Christopher Waters** (REMO, Central West (North) Emergency Management Region); **Tony Coen** (Tomingley Gold Operations); **Liam Dare** (Tomingley Gold Mine, WHS Department Manager); **Olle Wennstrom** (GHD / Tomingley Gold Operations, Technical Director); **Annabelle Watson** (NSW State Emergency Service, Deputy Zone Commander); **Sarah Masonwells** (NSW Reconstruction Authority, Coordination Officer); **Michael Cubillo** (NSW State Emergency Service, Local Commander); **Lucas Walsh** (NSW Fire and Rescue); **Renee Lewry** (NSW Fire and Rescue); **David Minehan** (Welfare Services Functional Area, Senior Regional Disaster Welfare Officer); **Chris Cusack** (Inspector, Duty Commander, NSW Fire and Rescue); **David Dickey** (Transport for NSW, Customer & Network Operations Coordinator) **Lochlan Bartlett** (NSW Ambulance Service, Duty Operations Manager); **Kerrie Edwards** (Australian Red Cross, Greater Western Emergency Services Officer); **Peter Fothergill** (Rural Fire Service, Operational Officer L3); **Tristan Cameron** (Local Land Services, Emergency Management Coordinator); **Christine Robinson** (Local Land Services, TSR Administration) **Louise Johnson** (Community & Stakeholder Engagement Lead, Acciona Energia); **Geraldine Prince** (Minute Taker).

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed those present and declared the meeting open at 9.32am.

2. APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED by consensus that the apologies of Cr Craig Davies (Narromine Shire Council, Mayor); John Sevil (CEO, Timbregongie House Ltd); Jason Gavenlock (Local Land Services); Jeff Morgan (LECON, NSW Police Force Orana); Graham Millgate (Narromine Volunteer Rescue Association, Deputy Captain); Mark Pickford (NSW Rural Fire Service); Wade Haines (NSW Fire & Rescue, Trangie); Melissa Manning (Dept of Education); Sanu Thekkumpurath (NSW Health Service, Health Service Manager); Anthony McEachern (Narromine Volunteer Rescue Association, Captain); Sergeant Scott Heckendorf (NSW Police Force, Narromine); be accepted.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED by consensus that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2024 are a true and accurate record.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- Agency Emergency Day held 4 May 2024 – All emergency agencies thought it was very beneficial. Hope to have an event every 12 months.
- Date to be discussed for clean-up of Emergency Operations Centre – to be discussed at next meeting in August. A reminder for all agencies to take what they need out of the emergency centre. All users to be mindful of others when in the Depot/Emergency Centre, tidy up area after use.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- NSW Reconstruction Authority Report (**Attachment No.1**)
- NSW Reconstruction Authority – Pre-Event Recovery Plan (**Attachment No 2**)
- NSW Fire and Rescue Report (**Attachment No 3**)
- NSW SES Agency Report (**Attachment No 4**)
- NSW SES Narromine Shire Flood Emergency Sub Plan (**Attachment No 5**)

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- Narromine Health Service Report (**Attachment No 6**)
- Australian Red Cross Report (**Attachment No 7**)
- CW REMO Report (**Attachment No 8**)
- Transport for NSW Report (**Attachment No 9**)
- VRA Rescue NSW Report (**Attachment No 10**)
- Disaster Welfare Agency Report (**Attachment No 11**)
- Education Functional Area Report (**Attachment No 12**)
- Rural Fire Services Report (**Attachment No 13**)
- Local Land Services Report (**Attachment No 14**)
- NSW Ambulance Report (**Attachment No 15**)
- Wallaby Creek Fact Sheet – Acciona Energia (**Attachment No 16**)
- Wallaby Creek Map – Acciona Energia (**Attachment No 17**)

6. AGENCY REPORTS

1. NSW Reconstruction Authority

Report Attached. Melanie Slimming (Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services) and Annabelle Watson (Deputy Zone Commander, NSW State Emergency Service,) recommend that the Pre-Event Recovery Plan be endorsed.

2. NSW Fire and Rescue (Peter Fothergill)

Report Attached.

Chemical Suicide Awareness Training Day – Date to be set. New recruits to commence.

3. SES (Annabelle Watson)

Report Attached. Training days are now Friday nights 18.00hrs.

Land search courses coming up, walking around with headlamps on in Narromine Parks.

Melanie Slimming (Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services) and David Minehan (Senior Regional Disaster Welfare Officer, Welfare Services Functional Area,) recommend that NSW SES Narromine Shire Flood Emergency Sub Plan be endorsed.

4. Narromine Health Service (Sanu Thekkumpurath)

Report Attached.

5. Australian Red Cross (Kerrie Edwards)

Report Attached.

Working with local community members, met up with counterparts yesterday.

Rolling out wellbeing and emergency workshops. Workshop app is currently being reviewed, NRMA to fund roll out of apps. Molly Matters walk in Forbes. Volunteer drive being conducted.

6. Transport for NSW (David Dickey)

Report Attached.

Incident response plans, detour routes when an emergency. David to meet with Melanie Slimming (Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services) in regard to change of road ownership.

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6. AGENCY REPORTS (Cont'd)

7. Narromine Volunteer Rescue Association (Graham Milgate)

Report Attached.

8. Welfare Services Functional Area (David Minehan)

Report Attached.

9. Emergency Response, Department of Education (Melissa Manning)

Report Attached.

10. NSW Rural Fire Service (Mark Pickford)

Report Attached.

11. Local Land Services LLS (Tristan Cameron)

Report Attached.

LLS will officially undergo a name change in the new financial year, Agricultural and Animal Services Functional Area (AASFA). Working in animal evacuation centres, new tool as to where these centres are or will be.

12. NSW Ambulance

Report Attached.

Lachlan will transfer to Dubbo to complete Intensive Care (ICP).

13. Narromine Shire Council (Melanie Slimming)

Business as usual.

14. NSW Police Orana – Narromine (Inspector Jeffrey Morgan)

Apology.

15. Tomingley Gold Operations (Tony Coen & Andrew Brown)

Olle Wennstrom (GHD) presented Tomingley Gold Operations Emergency Preparedness. Tour of the tailings dam.

Training in conjunction with emergency services to be held towards the end of the year. Let Tony know what dates you cannot do so this can be organised.

RECOMMENDED by consensus that the agency reports as presented be received.

7. RESCUE COMMITTEE

Apology.

8. REMO REPORT (Chris Waters)

Report Attached.

CMG's (Consequence Management Guides) to be presented at each LEMC meeting if any changes. CMG's must be utilised in an emergency. CMG's to be updated with contact numbers.

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9. UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Dates to be held
Narromine Show	Friday 30 th & Saturday 31 st August 2024

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Discuss Charter of Local Emergency Management Committee – all services to review.
- CMG's – any changes – Geraldine Prince to update all with current contact numbers.
- Louise Johnson (Community & Stakeholder Engagement) Acciona Energia presented proposed project for construction and operation of Wallaby Creek Wind Farm. Presentation, fact sheet and map attached.

11. EMERGENCY EXERCISE

Emergency Operations Centre training to be conducted. Flood emergency disaster would be beneficial to run. Desktop exercise. Training to be held off until the next update of the flood plan.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 8 August 2024**, commencing at 9.30am; to be preceded by a Rescue Sub Committee Meeting commencing at 9.00am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.48am.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 4) were confirmed at a meeting held on the _____ day of _____, and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 9 May 2024.

Chair



NSW Reconstruction Authority

Central West, Orana and Far West

Report – Regional Emergency Management Committees & Local Emergency Management Committees

11 April 2024

NSW Reconstruction Authority

The NSW Government has appointed NSW Police Force Deputy Commissioner Mal Lanyon APM to act as the Chief Executive Officer of the NSW Reconstruction Authority. Simon Draper PSM will cease his responsibilities as CEO at the Reconstruction Authority to solely focus on leading the public service as Secretary of Premier's Department.

Deputy Commissioner Lanyon led flood recovery efforts in the Northern Rivers as the Northern NSW Recovery Coordinator in 2022 and has had an extensive career in the NSW Police Force. Deputy Commissioner Lanyon will commence his role as Acting CEO from 8 April 2024.

Simon Draper commenced as Secretary of Premier's Department on 1 September 2023 and has been undertaking both roles over the past 7 months. This delivered continuity and certainty for the Reconstruction Authority across the summer bushfire season.

NSW Recovery Plan

The Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon. Jihad Dib MP, has approved the updated NSW Recovery Plan which is now available on the NSW Government website [NSW Recovery Plan](#).

The NSW Recovery Plan is a supporting plan of the NSW State Emergency Management Plan that outlines the strategic arrangements for disaster recovery in NSW and provides the framework for local and event-specific plans. The updated Plan incorporates feedback from extensive engagement undertaken with NSW communities, government and non-government stakeholders and captures learnings from recent disasters and other emergencies.

The Plan includes an agreed process for the transition from response to recovery, including the handover of impact data to inform recovery needs. The Plan also details roles and responsibilities of the Reconstruction Authority including functions in coordinating recovery, such the Reconstruction Authority's role in establishing and managing recovery centres.

NSW State Disaster Mitigation Plan and Disaster Adaption Plans

The State Disaster Mitigation Plan (SDMP) is the NSW Government's strategy and action plan for reducing NSW's risk to natural hazards. The Plan is the State's first of its kind and outlines:

- NSW's exposure to a range of natural hazards, such as bush fires and floods and how the associated risk changes over time
- A toolkit of options to reduce exposure and vulnerability to natural hazards

- A plan of 37 short to medium term actions to address policy and program gaps required for disaster risk reduction
- Supports local disaster adaptation plans which are locally based placed plans designed for communities to better adapt to their specific risks and outline actions that can be taken at a local level.

The NSW Reconstruction Authority is coordinating the delivery of actions outlined in the Plan, working in partnership with government and industry. The Reconstruction Authority will continue to engage with the community and stakeholders to consider feedback as actions are implemented, and to develop the next SDMP, due in 2026.

Further information and resources on the NSW State Disaster Mitigation Plan and Disaster Adaptation Plans can be found on the NSW Government website [NSW State Disaster Mitigation Plan](#).

Pre-Event Recovery Plans

Pre-Event Recovery plans continue to be rolled out across the state and reflect the recovery priorities and changes in the NSW Recovery Plan.

Eighteen Central West, Orana and Far West plans are complete with 8 plans now endorsed by Local Emergency Management Committees as outlined in the table below.

LEMC/LGA	Completed	In progress	Endorsed by LEMC
Balranald	Completed		Yes
Bathurst	Completed		
Blayney		In progress	
Bogan	Completed		
Bourke		In progress	
Brewarrina	Completed		Yes
Broken Hill & Unincorporated	Broken Hill Completed	In progress	
Cabonne		In progress	
Central Darling	Completed		Yes
Cobar	Completed		Yes
Coonamble	Completed		
Cowra	Completed		
Dubbo		In progress	
Forbes		In progress	
Gilgandra	Completed		
Lachlan		In progress	
Lithgow	Completed		
Mid-Western	Completed		Yes
Narromine	Completed		
Oberon	Completed		Yes
Orange	Completed		Yes
Parkes	Completed		
Walgett		In progress	
Warren	Completed		Yes
Warrumbungle	Completed		
Weddin		In progress	
Wentworth		In progress	

Central West Recovery and Resilience Package

The NSW Reconstruction Authority's focus is to lead and coordinate the recovery and

reconstruction of housing, essential assets and infrastructure following the 2022 Central West floods.

Under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) the Australian and NSW governments have jointly funded a \$100 million Central West Recovery and Resilience package. This package has been allocated to impacted Cabonne, Forbes, Lachlan and Parkes LGA's and includes:

- \$40 million for a housing program and \$2 million for consultation
- \$32 million - Regional Transport Resilience Fund
- \$25 million - Community Assets Program
- \$1 million - Legal Aid Assistance Program.

To help oversee delivery of the package, Mayors from Cabonne, Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan will join representatives from the Australian and NSW governments at regular Community Leaders Forums hosted by the NSW Reconstruction Authority.

Further information on the package including developing the Central West Housing Program and minutes from the Community Leaders Forum can be found on the NSW Government website [Central West Recovery and Resilience Package](#).

Support for NSW Coastal flooding

Central West, Orana, Far West Reconstruction Authority staff have travelled to Wollongong to assist llawarra Shoalhaven and Southeast regional colleagues in Recovery Centres at Thirroul and Warrawong. Multiple homes and a retirement village were impacted by the flooding event with over 100 people accessing the Wollongong centres the week following the event on 5-6 April. Further Recovery Centres have been opened at Dapto and Windsor with a mobile Recovery Service also located at Picton.

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Fire & Rescue NSW – Agency Report

Narromine Council Local Emergency Management Committee

9th May 2024

Narromine

Operational Report Responses	401 Narromine	16
	465 Trangie	4
	Total	20
Significant Incidents		
Other Station Activity	Community Activity	2
	These activities include hydrant inspections, smoke alarm battery replacement for the elderly, Primary and Senior Fire Education and PR events	
Other information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FRNSW would like to contact a joint agency training session on Chemical Suicide Awareness in the new year Narromine & Trangie using Agency Day as Open day 	

NSW State Emergency Service – Narromine Unit
 Reporting Period: 8th February to 23rd April 2024

- 1. ACTIVITY**
- Narromine Unit has responded to 3 incidents during this reporting period.

Storm	Support	Resupply	Med Resupply	Flood Misc	Evac	FR	RCR	GLR	Total
2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

NSW SES Operational Management System - Beacon

- 2. CAPABILITY**
- Narromine Unit continues to maintain capability to respond to incidents as required.
- 3. PLANNING**
- Volume One Local food plan has been generated.
- 4. TRAINING / EXERCISES**
- Narromine Unit continues to train on a weekly basis to maintain required skillsets.
 - Narromine Unit has participated in a Crosscut Chainsaw course with 2 members now competent.
- 5. OTHER**
- Narromine unit has received an Ark Angel inflatable flood rescue raft.
- 6. ACTION**
- Volume One Local flood plan to be tabled, reviewed, and endorsed by LEMC.

Report Submitted By	Date:
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NARROMINE SHIRE FLOOD EMERGENCY SUB PLAN

A Sub Plan of the Local Emergency Management Plan (EMPLAN)

Volume 1 of the Narromine Shire Flood Emergency Sub Plan

Endorsed by the Local Emergency Management Committee

«Endorsed_Date»

Version 3.0

AUTHORISATION

The Narromine Shire Flood Emergency Sub Plan is a sub plan of the Narromine Shire Local Emergency Management Plan (EMPLAN). It has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the ***State Emergency Service Act 1989 (NSW)*** and is endorsed by the Local Emergency Management Committee in accordance with the provisions of the ***State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989 (NSW)***.

Authorised

Signature:

NSW SES Local/Unit Commander

Print Name:

Date:

Endorsed

Signature:

Chair, Local Emergency Management Committee

Print Name:

Date:

VERSION HISTORY

Version Number	Description	Date
1.0	Narromine Shire Local Flood Plan	July 2007
2.0	Narromine Shire Local Flood Plan	July 2014

AMENDMENT LIST

Suggestions for amendments to this plan should be forwarded to:

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Amendments in the list below have been entered in this plan.

Amendment Number	Description	Updated by	Date

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1 OUTLINE AND SCOPE

1.1 PURPOSE

1.1.1 The purpose of this plan is to set out the multi-agency arrangements for the emergency management of flooding in the Narromine Shire Local Government Area (LGA).

1.2 AUTHORITY

1.2.1 This plan is written and issued under the authority of the [State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989 \(NSW\)](#) ('SERM Act'), the [State Emergency Service Act 1989 \(NSW\)](#) ('SES Act') and the NSW State Emergency Management Plan (EMPLAN).

1.2.2 This plan is a sub plan to the Narromine Shire Local Emergency Management Plan (EMPLAN) and is endorsed by the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC).

1.3 ACTIVATION

1.3.1 This plan does not require activation. The arrangements set out in this plan are always active.

1.3.2 The Narromine Shire Emergency Management Plan (EMPLAN) is active at all times in anticipation of the need to coordinate support and resources requested by combat agencies, including the NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES).

1.4 SCOPE

1.4.1 The area covered by this plan is the Narromine Shire LGA. The Narromine Shire LGA and its principal towns, villages, rivers and creeks are shown in Appendix A.

1.4.2 The council area is in the NSW SES Western Zone and for emergency management purposes, is part of the Central West Emergency Management Region.

1.4.3 The plan sets out the Narromine Shire level emergency management arrangements for prevention, preparation, response and initial recovery for flooding in the Narromine Shire LGA.

1.4.4 In this plan a flood is defined as a relatively high water level which overtops the natural or artificial banks in any part of a stream, river, estuary, lake or dam and/or local overland flooding associated with drainage before entering a watercourse and/or coastal inundation resulting from super-elevated sea levels and/or waves (including tsunamis) overtopping coastline defences.

1.4.5 This plan outlines the local level arrangements for the management of downstream consequences of flooding due to dam failure, however it does not cover the management of flooding of an underground mine by inrush or other cause, which should be covered by the Mine Emergency Sub Plan for the respective mine.

1.5 GOALS

1.5.1 The primary goals for flood emergency management in NSW are:

- a. Protection and preservation of life.
- b. Establishment and operation of flood warning systems.
- c. Issuing of community information and community warnings.
- d. Coordination of evacuation and welfare of affected communities.
- e. Protection of critical infrastructure and community assets essential to community survival during an emergency incident.
- f. Protection of residential property.
- g. Protection of assets and infrastructure that support individual and community financial sustainability and aid assisting a community to recover from an incident.
- h. Protection of the environment and conservation values considering the cultural, biodiversity and social values of the environment.

1.6 KEY PRINCIPLES

1.6.1 The protection and preservation of human life (including the lives of responders and the community) is the highest priority.

1.6.2 Evacuation is the primary response strategy for people impacted by flooding.

1.7 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1.7.1 General responsibilities of emergency service organisations and functional areas are set out in the NSW State EMPLAN and NSW State Flood Sub Plan.

1.7.2 Specific roles and responsibilities for agencies, functional areas and organisations in relation to flooding within Narromine Shire are detailed within this plan, Appendix B and Appendix C.

1.7.3 Any agency with agreed responsibilities in this plan which are temporarily unable or no longer able to fulfil their responsibilities in response operations must, as soon as possible, notify:

- a. The NSW SES Incident Controller (for local or zone level responsibilities during response operations).
- b. The NSW SES Zone Duty Commander and/or the NSW SES Western Zone office (for regional level responsibilities outside of response operations).

1.8 PLAN MAINTENANCE AND REVIEW

1.8.1 The NSW SES will maintain the currency of this plan by:

- a. Ensuring that all supporting emergency services and functional areas, organisations and officers mentioned in it are aware of their roles and responsibilities.
- b. Conduct a minimum of one exercise every five years or within two years of the plan being reviewed.

- c. Reviewing the contents of the plan:
 - When there are changes which alter agreed plan arrangements.
 - When changes to land use strategic plans and policies increase the population at risk.
 - After a flood including recommendations from after action reviews, reports or inquiries.
 - As determined by the NSW SES Commissioner.
- d. The plan is to be reviewed no less frequently than every five years or after a significant flood event.

1.9 SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

- 1.9.1 Supplementary and supporting material of the Local Flood Emergency Sub Plan is maintained on the NSW SES website at: <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/about-us/flood-storm-and-tsunami-plans/> including:
- a. Flood Plan Glossary.
 - b. The NSW SES Dam Failure Notification Flowchart.
 - c. The NSW SES Resupply Flowchart.

2 OVERVIEW OF NSW FLOOD HAZARD AND RISK

2.1 THE FLOOD THREAT

- 2.1.1 The NSW SES maintains information on the nature of flooding and effects of flooding on the community in the Narromine Shire LGA.
- 2.1.2 Declared dams in or upstream of the Narromine Shire Local Government Area.

Dam Name	Owner	High Risk Dam
Burrendong Dam	Water NSW	No
Tomingley Residue Storage Facility	Tomingley Gold Operation Pty Ltd	No
Wyoming Central Dam	Tomingley Gold Operation Pty Ltd	No

3 PREVENTION/ MITIGATION

3.1 INTRODUCTION

- 3.1.1 The Floodplain Risk Management Manual outlines the NSW Government’s Flood Prone Land Policy which details the framework for managing flood prone land in New South Wales. Incorporation of floodplain risk management into land use planning is one of the key means to limit the exposure to flood risks to our communities and help build long term resilience to future flood events.

3.2 LAND USE PLANNING

3.2.1 **Strategy:** Effective land use planning is a key focus for minimising the impacts of flooding. The NSW SES will work with land use planning and consent authorities to inform and influence the consideration of the risks arising from flood, storm and tsunami to prevent the creation of intolerable impacts of these hazards on the community.

Actions:

- a. The NSW SES will provide strategic input about land use planning matters which have or will create significant flood risk to life and/or property due to flooding.
- b. The NSW SES will provide responses to land use planning proposal referrals that have or will create significant flood risk to life and/or property due to flooding.

3.3 FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT

3.3.1 **Strategy:** Advocate for consideration of emergency management in decision making to reduce risks to the existing community and minimise the growth in future, continuing and residual risk due to development through input to the floodplain management program.

Actions:

- a. The NSW SES will provide coordinated and consistent emergency management advice to councils and other agencies in relation to the management of land that is subject to flooding.
- b. The NSW SES will provide advice, support, technical resources and training for the NSW SES representatives to contribute effectively on local Floodplain Risk Management Committees.

4 PREPARATION

4.1 INTRODUCTION

4.1.1 Preparation includes arrangements or plans to deal with an emergency or the effects of an emergency.

4.2 FLOOD EMERGENCY PLANNING

4.2.1 **Strategy:** The NSW SES develop, review and maintain Flood Emergency Sub Plans.

Actions:

- a. Develop and review this NSW SES Local Flood Emergency Sub Plan as required. Local Flood Emergency Sub Plans outline the specific arrangements for management of flood events within an LGA and may include cross boundary arrangements.
- b. Review plans as per [Section 1.8](#).

4.2.2 Local EMPLAN Consequence Management Guides (CMGs) for flood are not required for communities covered by the NSW SES Local Flood Emergency Sub

Plans however may be utilised in place of Local Flood Emergency Sub Plan if agreed to by the NSW SES.

4.3 FLOOD INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS

4.3.1 **Strategy:** The NSW SES develop and maintain a flood intelligence system to identify flood behaviour, its impact on the community and required response actions.

Actions:

- a. Gather and assess flood information for the full range of flood types and severities.
- b. Collect, collate, and assess information on the characteristics of communities at risk and the potential effects of flooding on communities at risk.
- c. Share flood intelligence information with supporting agencies.

4.4 DEVELOPMENT OF WARNING SYSTEMS

4.4.1 **Strategy:** Develop, maintain and prepare systems for the provision of flood warnings and associated warning services.

Actions:

- a. All levels of government work in partnership to develop and maintain flood warning infrastructure.
- b. The NSW SES maintains a list of the requirements for flood warnings for flood gauges in NSW (including flood classifications, warning times required and key statistics) and can be found in the supplementary document to the NSW State Flood Plan (see Section 1.9). Gauges of relevance within the Narromine Shire LGA are also listed in Volume 3 of this plan.
- c. The NSW SES will recommend new warning services and changes to warning alert levels for gauges to the NSW and ACT Flood Warning Consultative Committee.
- d. The State Government, in partnership with Local Government, is responsible for developing and maintaining flash flood warning systems for local catchments where required.
- e. The dam owners will provide Dam Emergency Plans (where required) and consult with the NSW SES on alert levels and messaging. Alert level definitions are listed in Dam Emergency Plans.
- f. The NSW SES maintains a dedicated dam failure hotline and procedures to ensure priority dissemination of dam failure warnings.
- g. The NSW SES develops and maintains warning and flood information products by:
 - Utilising flood intelligence data.
 - Developing warning and flood information products.
 - Continuously reviewing warning and flood information products.

- Consulting with affected communities, key stakeholders, Dam Safety NSW and the NSW and ACT Flood Warning Consultative Committee, and maintains Operational Readiness.
 - Participating in the development of public information and warning systems.
- h. Gauge owners adequately maintain flood warning gauges and systems, including those identified in the 'Service Level Specification' maintained by the Bureau of Meteorology (Bureau) and those identified in the 'Provision and Requirements for Flood Warning in New South Wales's maintained by the NSW SES.

4.5 BRIEFING, TRAINING AND EXERCISING

4.5.1 **Strategy:** Ensure the NSW SES, supporting agencies, functional areas and the community are prepared and familiar with the strategies and arrangements within the Flood Emergency Sub Plan and supporting documents.

Actions:

- a. The NSW SES will consult stakeholders throughout the development of plans.
- b. The NSW SES will inform stakeholders of content changes after revisions.
- c. The NSW SES will ensure their facilities and resources are maintained and operationally ready.
- d. The NSW SES will train personnel for their expected flood operation roles.
- e. The NSW SES will regularly brief stakeholders on the exercise arrangements contained in the NSW Flood Emergency Sub Plan.

4.6 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TO FLOODING

4.6.1 **Strategy:** The NSW SES provides and maintains a flexible volunteer workforce to support community resilience.

Actions:

- a. Ensure ongoing recruitment and training of a diverse range of volunteers.
- b. Ensure pre-planning to facilitate the management of spontaneous volunteers and community members during a flood.

4.6.2 **Strategy:** The NSW SES works with individuals, communities, businesses and government agencies to build flood resilience.

Actions:

- a. Partners with and engage communities to understand and manage the risks associated with floods, including providing business continuity guidance (NSW SES Business FloodSafe), family preparedness (NSW SES Home FloodSafe) and other engagement strategies.
- b. The NSW SES will collate, assess and disseminate flood information to the community.

- c. Collaborate with individuals, businesses, government agencies and communities when developing flood intelligence, preparedness and response information.
- d. Plan for floods collaboratively with communities through community and stakeholder participation and engagement.
- e. Collaborate with community sector and recognise the needs of individuals within communities who have an increased susceptibility during floods.

5 RESPONSE

5.1 INTRODUCTION

5.1.1 Flood response operations will begin:

- a. On receipt of a Bureau Severe Weather Warning or Thunderstorm Warning that includes heavy rain or storm surge; or
- b. On the receipt of a Bureau Flood Watch or Flood Warning; or
- c. On receipt warnings for flash flood; or
- d. On receipt of a dam failure alert; or
- e. When other evidence leads to an expectation of flooding.

5.2 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

5.2.1 **Strategy:** Maintain effective control of flood operations across NSW.

Actions:

- a. The NSW SES uses the Australasian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIIMS) to manage the flood response.
- b. Control of flood response will be at the lowest effective level and may be scaled to suit the incident.
- c. The NSW SES State Controller (or delegate) will appoint Incident Controllers and establish Incident Control Centres (see NSW SES facilities on map in Appendix A).
- d. The NSW SES Incident Controller, in consultation with participating supporting emergency services and functional areas will determine the appropriate breakdown of an Area of Operations into Divisions and/or Sectors in accordance with the principles of AIIMS.

5.2.2 **Strategy:** Maintain Incident Control Centre(s).

Actions:

- a. The NSW SES will operate Incident Control Centre(s) as required.
- b. The NSW SES Incident Control Centre(s) will:
 - Control resources from the NSW SES and coordinate resources of supporting emergency services and functional areas.

- Manage incident tasking and ensure they are actioned in a timely manner.
- Undertake response planning and determine future resourcing requirements.
- Coordinate information flow, including warnings, public information and social media.

5.2.3 **Strategy:** Provide effective liaison between the NSW SES and supporting agencies or functional areas in accordance with the local EMPLAN.

Actions:

- Supporting emergency services and functional areas should provide liaison officers to the NSW SES Incident Control Centre(s) and/or Emergency Operation Centres as required.
- The NSW SES will provide Liaison Officer(s) to Emergency Operations Centres as required.
- Where possible Emergency Operation Centres are to be co-located with the NSW SES Incident Control Centres for Flood Emergency Response.

5.2.4 **Strategy:** Coordinate resources and logistics support to ensure operational effectiveness.

Actions:

- The NSW SES Incident Controller will notify agencies of potential access issues between locations, for the consideration of pre-deploying of resources.
- The NSW SES may request resources and logistics support directly from a supporting emergency service or functional area.
- Wherever possible, supporting organisations are to provide their own logistic support in consultation with the NSW SES where appropriate.
- The NSW SES Incident Controller will control air support operations and may utilise supporting agencies in the management of aircraft.

5.3 USE OF INFORMATION AND COLLECTION OF INTELLIGENCE

5.3.1 **Strategy:** Ensure flood information is effectively utilised, communicated and collected during and post a flood.

Actions:

- Information relating to the consequences of flooding, response strategies, situational awareness and operational updates will be distributed by the NSW SES to supporting emergency services and functional areas listed under this plan.
- All supporting emergency services and functional areas and Council will accurately record and report information relevant to their activities and any real time flood information (including road closure information) to the NSW SES Incident Controller. This may be in the form of a combined Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) report, or direct from agencies where an EOC has not been established.

- c. The NSW SES may establish and operate a Joint Intelligence Unit to coordinate the collection, collation, interpretation, mapping, actioning and dissemination of information.
- d. Reconnaissance, mapping, damage assessments, intelligence validation and post flood evaluation will be coordinated by the NSW SES. This may occur post impact and continue into the recovery phase.
- e. NSW SES may request the Engineering Services Functional Area to assist with the gathering of flood intelligence including (not limited to) maximum flood extents, peak flood heights, recording major flood damage at key high velocity locations and preparation of the after-flood report.

5.3.2 **Strategy:** Ensure flood intelligence is incorporated into operational decision-making.

Action: The NSW SES will use flood intelligence, official forecasts, warnings, and flood scenario products to undertake an assessment of the predicted impact of a flood and to inform operational decision-making.

5.4 PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND WARNINGS TO THE COMMUNITY

5.4.1 **Strategy:** Timely and effective warnings are distributed to the community.

Actions:

- a. The Bureau issues public weather and flood warning products before and during a flood. These may include:
 - Severe Thunderstorm Warnings – Detailed - Issued for all capital cities and surrounding areas when individual severe thunderstorms are within range of the capital city radars.
 - Severe Thunderstorm Warnings - Broad-based - Issued for the entire Australian state or territories affected highlighting broad areas where severe storms may occur within the next 3 hours.
 - Severe Weather Warnings with reference to heavy rainfall and/or storm surge.
 - Flood Watches.
 - Flood Warnings.
- b. Dam owners will utilise the Dam Emergency Plan to provide warnings and information to the NSW SES and communities (where appropriate).
- c. The NSW SES Incident Controllers will issue the following NSW SES Flood Warnings aligning to the Australian Warning System:
 - Advice.
 - Watch And Act.
 - Emergency Warning.
- d. The NSW SES liaises with the Bureau to discuss the development of flood warnings as required.

- e. The NSW SES provides alerts and deliver flood information to affected communities using a combination of public information.
- f. The NSW SES may request supporting agencies redistribute NSW SES alerts and information, including through the provision of doorknocking teams.
- g. Road closure information will be provided to the community through the following agencies/methods:
 - Local Government websites.
 - Transport for NSW 'Live Traffic' website: www.livetraffic.com or 'Transport InfoLine': 131 500. VMS messaging on roadways may also be used to advise motorists.
- h. The Public Information and Inquiry Centre will be established by the NSW Police Force where required to provide information regarding evacuees and emergency information. Contact details will be broadcast once the centre is established.
- i. The Disaster Welfare Assistance Line will be established by the Disaster Welfare Services Functional Area where required to provide information on welfare services and assistance. Assistance line contact details will be broadcast once Disaster Welfare services commence.

5.5 PROTECTION OF PROPERTY

5.5.1 **Strategy:** Coordinate the protection of property from destruction or damage arising from floods.

Action: The NSW SES, supporting agencies, and community volunteers will assist the community (where resources are available, feasible and safe to do so) in:

- a. The protection of properties including critical infrastructure through flood protection systems (e.g. sandbagging) to minimise entry of water into buildings.
- b. The raising or moving of household furniture and commercial stock/equipment.

5.6 ROAD AND TRAFFIC CONTROL

5.6.1 **Strategy:** Coordinate the closing and re-opening of flood affected roads.

Actions:

- a. Narromine Shire Council will coordinate the closure and reopening of council managed roads once inspections have been carried out by the relevant authority.
- b. Transport for NSW will coordinate the closure and reopening of the state road network.
- c. The NSW Police Force may close and re-open roads but will normally only do so (if the Narromine Shire Council or Transport for NSW have not already acted and if public safety requires such action).

- d. The NSW SES will assist with erecting road closure signs and barriers when time and resources permit.

5.6.2 **Strategy:** Coordinate traffic control measures in flood affected areas.

- a. The NSW SES Incident Controller may direct the imposition of traffic control measures into flood affected areas in accordance with the provisions of the *State Emergency Service Act, 1989* and the *State Emergency Rescue Management Act, 1989*.
- b. The NSW SES Incident Controller may request the Local Emergency Operations Controller provide suitable personnel to assist with traffic coordination.

5.7 PROTECTION OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES

5.7.1 Local and Region EMPLANS contain infrastructure inventories.

5.7.2 **Strategy:** Minimise disruption to the community by ensuring protection of infrastructure and supply of essential energy, utility services and lifelines.

Actions:

- a. The Transport Services Functional Area is to coordinate the provision of information about the assessment and restoration of transport network infrastructure.
- b. The Energy and Utility Services Functional Area is to coordinate the assessment and restoration of essential energy and utility services (not including telecommunications).
- c. The Telecommunications Services Functional Area is to coordinate the assessment and restoration of telecommunications and the Public Safety Network.
- d. The Engineering Services Functional Area is to:
 - Coordinate the assessment and restoration of critical public buildings for example hospitals.
 - Assessment and operation of flood protection levees.
 - Protection of property.
 - Construction and repair of levees.
 - Dam safety assessment and dam stability.
 - Water supply and sewerage operations.
 - Other critical infrastructure.
- e. The Functional Areas and Narromine Shire will keep the NSW SES informed of the status of utilities and infrastructure.

5.8 EVACUATION

5.8.1 Evacuation is the NSW SES' primary response strategy for managing the population at risk of flooding.

5.8.2 **Strategy:** Conduct planning to ensure all evacuation constraints are considered.

Actions:

- a. Evacuations will take place when there is a risk to public safety. Circumstances may include:
 - Evacuation of people when their homes or businesses are likely to flood.
 - Evacuation of people who are unsuited to living in isolated circumstances, due to flood water closing access.
 - Evacuation of people where essential energy and/or utility services are likely to fail or where buildings have been or may be made uninhabitable.
- b. The NSW SES will consider the following in evacuation decisions:
 - Duration of evacuation.
 - Characteristics of the community.
 - Numbers requiring evacuation.
 - Availability of evacuation routes and transport.
 - The ability for existing levees or other flood protection works to fulfil their intended function.
 - Time available for evacuation.
 - Evacuee management requirements.
 - Resources and delivery of evacuation information.
 - Length of isolation.
- c. The NSW SES Incident Controllers, planning and intelligence officers will carefully consider the risks involved in conducting evacuations.
- d. All evacuation decisions will be made as per the current the NSW SES policies and procedures, and consistent with the NSW Evacuation Management Guidelines.
- e. Potential Evacuation Centres are located in the Local EMPLAN.
- f. The NSW Police Force will coordinate the provision of overall security for evacuated areas.

5.8.3 **Strategy:** Evacuate people pre-emptively from dangerous or potentially dangerous places and or locations created by the flood hazard to safe locations away from the hazard.

- a. The NSW SES will control and coordinate the evacuation of affected communities.
- b. The NSW SES Commissioner (or delegate) will warn communities to prepare for a possible evacuation, where circumstances allow such lead time.
- c. The NSW SES Commissioner (or delegate) will order any necessary evacuations and provide information to the community about when and how to evacuate.
- d. Support to evacuation operations may be requested from other emergency services and supporting agencies using arrangements in the local EMPLAN and supporting plans.

- e. The Health Services Functional Area will coordinate the evacuation of hospitals, health centres and aged care facilities (including nursing homes) in consultation with the NSW SES and the Welfare Services Functional Area.
- f. School administration offices (government and private) will coordinate the evacuation of schools in consultation with the NSW SES and Welfare Services Functional Area, if not already closed.
- g. Caravan Park proprietors will inform the NSW SES Incident Controller when caravan park evacuations have been completed.
- h. People who are reluctant or refuse to comply with any Emergency Warning will be referred to the NSW Police Force.

5.9 EVACUEE MANAGEMENT AND WELFARE

5.9.1 Research and experience in flood operations shows that most evacuees go to family, friends and commercial accommodation outside the impact area.

5.9.2 **Strategy:** Maintain the welfare of communities and individuals affected by the impact of a flood.

Actions:

- a. The NSW SES will provide initial welfare for evacuees where required but will hand the responsibility over to the Welfare Services Functional Area as soon as possible. The NSW SES will brief the Welfare Services Functional Area at the earliest opportunity regarding the level of assistance required.
- b. The Welfare Services Functional Area will manage evacuation centres for affected residents and travellers in accordance with the Welfare Services Functional Area Supporting Plan.
- c. Schools administration (government and private) will manage the safety of students directly affected by flooding and will work with the NSW SES in the temporary closure of schools and will coordinate with the NSW SES, the Transport and Welfare Services Functional Area in the management of school evacuees.
- d. Disaster Victim Registration will be controlled and coordinated by the NSW Police Force with the assistance of the NSW SES and the Welfare Services Functional Area.
- e. The NSW SES will provide details of all residents assisted in evacuations to the Welfare Services Functional Area as early as possible.
- f. Where the expected remaining number of evacuees and the duration of evacuation is assessed to be beyond the capability and capacity of the established evacuation centre arrangements the State Emergency Operations Controller (SEOCN) may establish Major Evacuation Centres or Mass Care facilities.
- g. The decision to establish Major Evacuation Centres or Mass Care Facilities will be made by the NSW SES and SEOCN in consultation with members of the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC).

5.9.3 **Strategy:** Coordinate available and accessible health services for flood affected communities.

Action: The provision of environmental health advice, assessment of public health risks and coordination of immediate mental health support will be provided by the Health Services Functional Area.

5.9.4 **Strategy:** Maintain the welfare of animals impacted by a flood.

Actions:

- a. The Agriculture and Animal Services Functional Area will coordinate the welfare of livestock, pets, companion animals and wildlife including support to primary producers, animal holding establishments and community members.
- b. The Agriculture and Animal Services Functional Area role will coordinate the evacuation, emergency care and assessment of animals, the humane destruction and disposal of affected animals and the supply of emergency fodder and water (with aerial support where necessary).

5.10 FLOOD RESCUE

5.10.1 **Strategy:** Control and coordinate flood rescue of people and domestic animals.

Actions:

- a. The NSW SES will perform flood rescue, where training and equipment is suitable and where a risk assessment has indicated that the risk to rescuers is acceptable.
- b. Flood rescue operations will be conducted in accordance with the State Rescue Board NSW State Rescue Policy which sets out the framework, governance, responsibilities and requirements for the management and conduct of flood rescue in NSW.
- c. The NSW SES may request other supporting emergency services to undertake flood rescues on behalf of the NSW SES. Agencies must be authorised/accredited to undertake flood rescue operations in accordance with State Rescue Board requirements, as prescribed by the NSW SES. Supporting emergency services must supply information regarding rescues performed to the NSW SES. Notification arrangements with the NSW Police Force are outlined in the State Rescue Board NSW State Rescue Policy.
- d. Rescue agencies will conduct rescue of domestic small and large animals as per the State Rescue Board NSW State Rescue Policy (and may include large animal rescue of family horses and cows at a residence or property). The rescue of livestock (which includes commercial animals found on farming and breeding enterprises) will be coordinated through the Animal and Agriculture Services Functional Area.

5.11 RESUPPLY

5.11.1 **Strategy:** Coordinate resupply to towns and villages isolated by flooding to minimise disruption to the community.

Actions:

- a. The NSW SES will advise communities and businesses if flood predictions indicate that areas are likely to become isolated, and indicative timeframes where possible.
- b. Retailers should be advised to ensure sufficient stock is available for the duration of the flood.
- c. When isolation occurs, the NSW SES will establish loading points where retailers can instruct suppliers to deliver goods.
- d. The NSW SES will endeavour to support the delivery of mail to isolated communities but may not be able to do so according to normal Australia Post timetables.
- e. The NSW SES will assist hospitals with resupply of linen and other consumables where able.
- f. The NSW SES may request resupply assistance from supporting agencies.
- g. The NSW SES may conduct resupply operations as per the designated resupply plan for the event.
- h. Where additional supplies are required Engineering Services Functional Area be requested to coordinate the supply of goods and services in response to and recovery from the emergency.

5.11.2 **Strategy:** Coordinate resupply to rural properties isolated by flooding.

Actions:

- a. When requested, the NSW SES will establish a resupply schedule and coordinate the resupply for isolated rural properties.
- b. The NSW SES will provide local suppliers with designated loading points. Resupply items are to be packaged by the supplier.
- c. Isolated households unable to afford resupply items will be referred to the Welfare Services Functional Area for assistance.

5.12 RETURN

5.12.1 **Strategy:** Coordinate the safe return of communities to flood affected areas when the immediate danger to life and property has passed.

Actions:

- a. The NSW SES Incident Controller will determine when it is safe to progressively return in consultation with the relevant Emergency Operations Controller and supporting agencies considering the ongoing risk to public safety.
- b. The NSW SES Incident Controller will specify the level of access to affected communities as the following:

- Not suitable for access; or
 - Limited access by emergency services and response agencies; or
 - Limited access by residents and/or business operators; or
 - Full access.
- c. The NSW SES Incident Controller will issue an Advise Warning advising 'Reduced Threat: Return with Caution' when the immediate danger to life and property has passed for areas.
- d. The NSW SES will facilitate the return of evacuees to their homes.

5.13 END OF RESPONSE OPERATIONS

5.13.1 **Strategy:** Conclude response operations.

Actions:

- a. Response operations will conclude when:
- There is a reduced likelihood of additional flooding within the Area of Operation and flood waters have receded.
 - All requests for assistance related to the flood have been completed.
 - The need for warning and evacuation no longer exist.
 - There is no further likelihood of rescuing people.
 - Resupply is no longer required (resupply operations may occur concurrently with the recovery phase).
 - Response to fire and hazardous material incidents have concluded (not including subsequent clean-up of contaminated sites).
 - All affected areas have had a 'Reduced Threat: Return with Caution' issued.

5.14 POST IMPACT ACTIONS

5.14.1 **Strategy:** Learnings from the event are used to inform recovery and future events.

Actions:

- a. The NSW SES will continue to engage with communities after significant floods through convening one or more community forums, workshops or other opportunities to provide communities a chance to provide feedback, address any concerns and provide input into the recovery process. These will typically include other agencies such as the Bureau, the Welfare Services Functional Area and Narromine Shire Council representatives.
- b. The NSW SES will conduct After Action Reviews, at the conclusion of response operations, which will involve all stakeholders. Findings will be shared and incorporated into improved disaster resilience planning.
- c. The NSW SES will provide information and data throughout the emergency response to inform community recovery. A report will be developed at the

request of the SERCON at the conclusion of the response within an area. Should a response summary report be required it will include the following:

- The emergency action plan in place at conclusion of the response emphasising any continuing activities including community meetings/ engagement activities.
- Resources allocated to the emergency response and associated exit strategies.
- Details of any areas or situations with potential to re-escalate the emergency.
- A recommendation for the conclusion of the NSW SES as lead agency to transition to the NSW Reconstruction Authority as the lead agency for recovery.
- Any actions that are incomplete or outstanding.
- Damage assessment data and Information obtained throughout the response phase which will further support the long-term recovery of communities.

d. The NSW SES will undertake/coordinate a comprehensive review of intelligence and plans following significant flood events.

5.14.2 **Strategy:** Participate in post flood data collection analysis.

Actions: The NSW SES works with relevant stakeholders and Narromine Shire Council on post flood data collection analysis including review of flood intelligence where necessary.

6 RECOVERY OPERATIONS

6.1 INTRODUCTION

6.1.1 Recovery is the process of returning an affected community to its proper level of functioning after an emergency. It will generally commence simultaneously with the response phase.

6.1.2 Recovery operations will be initiated and conducted as outlined in the NSW State EMPLAN and as further detailed in the NSW Recovery Supporting Plan.

6.2 NSW SES RECOVERY ROLE

6.2.1 **Strategy:** The NSW SES will support recovery operations and established Recovery Committees.

6.2.2 **Actions:**

- a. The NSW SES will provide representation to Recovery Committees as required and may have an ongoing role in the recovery phase.
- b. The NSW SES roles on Recovery Committees may include providing information about any continuing response, guidance on mitigation strategies and general

advice and assistance to the committee as a subject matter specialist and or expert.

- c. The NSW SES will provide information to the NSW Reconstruction Authority to support applications to Treasury for Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.
- d. The NSW SES, in conjunction with a Recovery Committee, will provide a service to support the information needs of a community immediately following a flood.
- e. The NSW SES, and where required supporting agencies, will assist with clean-up operations after floods, where possible when resources and personnel permit.
- f. The NSW SES may coordinate immediate relief in collaboration with the State Emergency Recovery Controller (SERCON)

7 ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list of abbreviations refer to the NSW State Flood Plan – Abbreviations.

8 GLOSSARY

Common emergency service terminology can be found within the Australian Disaster Resilience Glossary.

Readers should refer to EMPLAN Annex 9 – Definitions.

Refer to the NSW State Flood Plan for a complete glossary of terminology used throughout this plan and within NSW SES Flood Plans.

For a full list of definitions refer to the Supporting Document - State Flood Plan Glossary
<https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/media/2650/glossary.pdf>

9 Appendix A – Map of Narromine Shire Council Area



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Local Government Area of Narromine Shire Council

- Legend**
- SES Headquarters
 - Gauges (BOM Forecast)
 - Declared Dams
 - Levees
 - Rivers (Major)
 - LGA
 - Regional Towns



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10 Appendix B – Roles and Responsibilities

AGENCY	RESPONSIBILITIES
NSW State Emergency Service	The NSW SES is the designated Combat Agency for floods, storms and tsunami and controls response operations. The NSW SES roles and responsibilities in relation to floods are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan .

AGENCY	RESPONSIBILITIES
Agriculture and Animal Services Functional Area	The roles and responsibilities for the Agriculture and Animal Services Functional Area are outlined in the Agriculture and Animal Services Supporting Plan and NSW State Flood Plan.
Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology	The roles and responsibilities for the Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology (Bureau) are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
Caravan Park Proprietor(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a flood emergency plan for the caravan park. • Ensure that owners and occupiers of movable dwellings are aware that the caravan park is flood liable by providing a written notice to occupiers taking up residence and displaying this notice and emergency management arrangement within the park. • Ensure that owners and occupiers of movable dwellings are aware that if they are expecting to be absent for extended periods, they should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Provide the manager of the caravan park with a contact address and telephone number in case of an emergency. – Leave any movable dwelling in a condition allowing it to be relocated in an emergency (i.e.: should ensure that the wheels, axles and draw bar of the caravans are not removed and are maintained in proper working order). • Ensure that occupiers are informed of Flood Information. At this time, occupiers should be advised to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ensure that they have spare batteries for their radios. – Listen to a local radio station for updated flood information. – Prepare for evacuation and movable dwelling (cabins) relocation. • Ensure that owners and occupiers of caravans are aware of what they must do to facilitate evacuation and movable dwelling relocation when flooding occurs. • Coordinate the evacuation of people and the relocation of movable dwellings when floods are rising and their return when flood waters have subsided. Movable dwellings will be relocated back to the caravan park(s) by owners or by vehicles and drivers arranged by the park managers.

AGENCY	RESPONSIBILITIES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure any movable dwellings that are not able to be relocated to prevent floatation. • Inform the NSW SES of the progress of evacuation and/or movable dwellings relocation operations and of any need for assistance in the conduct of these tasks.
Childcare Centres and Preschools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When notified of possible flooding or isolation, childcare centres and preschools should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Liaise with the NSW SES and arrange for the early release of children whose travel arrangements are likely to be disrupted by flooding and/or road closures. – Assist with coordinating the evacuation of preschools and childcare centres.
Dams Safety NSW	The roles and responsibilities for Dams Safety NSW (formerly NSW Dam Safety Committee) are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
Department of Defence	Arrangements for Defence Assistance to the Civil Community are detailed within the State EMPLAN (section 448).
Energy and Utilities Services Functional Area	<p>The roles and responsibilities for the Energy and Utilities Services are outlined in the Energy and Utility Services Supporting Plan (EUSPLAN).</p> <p>Roles and responsibilities in addition to the supporting plan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist the NSW SES with identification of infrastructure at risk of flood damage where resources are available. • Facilitate local utility service distribution providers (electricity, gas, water, wastewater) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Provide advice to the NSW SES of any need to disconnect power/gas/water/wastewater supplies or of any timetable for reconnection. – Advise the NSW SES of any hazards from utility services during flooding and coastal erosion/inundation. – Advise the public with regard to electrical hazards during flooding and coastal erosion/inundation, and to the availability or otherwise of the electricity supply. – Clear or make safe any hazard caused by power lines or electricity distribution equipment. – Reconnect customers’ electrical/ gas/ water/wastewater installations, when certified safe to do so and as conditions allow. – Assist the NSW SES to identify infrastructure at risk of flooding for incorporation into planning and intelligence.
Engineering Services Functional Area	The roles and responsibilities for the Engineering Services Functional Area are outlined in the Engineering Services Supporting Plan and NSW State Flood Plan.

AGENCY	RESPONSIBILITIES
Environmental Services Functional Area	The roles and responsibilities for the Environmental Services Functional Area are outlined in the Environmental Services (ENVIROPLAN) Supporting Plan.
Floodplain Management Australia	The roles and responsibilities for Floodplain Management Australia are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
Fire and Rescue NSW	The roles and responsibilities for Fire and Rescue NSW are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
Forestry Corporation of NSW	The roles and responsibilities for the Forestry Corporation of NSW are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
Health Services Functional Area	The roles and responsibilities for the Health Services Functional Area are outlined in the Health Services (HEALTHPLAN) Supporting Plan and NSW State Flood Plan.
Local Emergency Operations Controller (LEOCON)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor flood operations. • If requested, coordinate support for the NSW SES Incident Controller.
Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If requested by the NSW SES Incident Controller, advise appropriate agencies and officers of the start of response operations.
Manly Hydraulics Laboratory (MHL)	The roles and responsibilities for Manly Hydraulic Laboratory are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
Marine Rescue NSW	The roles and responsibilities for Marine Rescue NSW are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
Narromine Shire Council	<p>Preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish and maintain floodplain and coastal risk management committees and ensure that key agencies are represented. • Develop and implement floodplain risk management plans in accordance with the NSW Government’s Flood Prone Land Policy and the Floodplain Risk Management Manual. • Provide levee studies, flood studies and floodplain management studies to the NSW SES. • Maintain council-owned flood warning networks and flood mitigation works. • Participate in the NSW SES-led flood emergency planning meetings, to assist in the preparation of Flood Sub Plans. • Maintain a plant and equipment resource list for the council area. • Contribute to community engagement activities. <p>Response</p>

AGENCY	RESPONSIBILITIES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Subject to the availability of council resources, assist the NSW SES with flood operations including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Traffic management on council managed roads. – Provision of assistance to the NSW SES (plant, equipment and personnel where able and requested). – Property protection tasks including sandbagging. – Assist with the removal of caravans from caravan parks. – Warning and/or evacuation of residents and other people in flood liable areas. – Provision of back-up radio communications. – Resupply of isolated properties. – Technical advice on the impacts of flooding. – Close and reopen council roads (and other roads nominated by agreement with Transport for NSW) and advise the NSW SES, the NSW Police Force and people who contact the council for road information. – Assist the NSW SES to provide filled sandbags and filling facilities to residents and business in areas which flooding is expected. ● Assist with making facilities available for domestic pets and companion animals of evacuees during evacuations. ● Operate flood mitigation works including critical structures such as detention basins and levees and advise the NSW SES regarding their operation. ● Manage and protect council-owned infrastructure facilities during floods. ● Provide advice to the NSW SES and the Health Services Functional Area during floods about key council managed infrastructure such as sewerage treatment and water supply. ● Advise the Environmental Protection Authority of any sewerage overflow caused by flooding. ● Work with the NSW SES and NSW Department of Planning and Environment to collect flood related data during and after flood events. <p>Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide for the management of health hazards associated with flooding including removing debris and waste. ● Ensure premises are fit and safe for reoccupation and assess any need for demolition. ● Provide services, assistance and advice to the State Government in accordance with the State Recovery Plan.

AGENCY	RESPONSIBILITIES
NSW Ambulance	The roles and responsibilities for NSW Ambulance are outlined in the Health Services (HEALTHPLAN) Supporting Plan and NSW State Flood Plan.
NSW Department of Education, Association of Independent Schools of NSW, and National Catholic Education Commission	The roles and responsibilities for NSW Department of Education, Association of Independent Schools of NSW, and National Catholic Education Commission are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
NSW Department of Planning and Environment (Environment and Heritage Group)	The roles and responsibilities for NSW Department of Planning and Environment (Environment and Heritage Group) are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan (referred to as DPIE EES).
NSW Department of Planning and Environment (Water)	The roles and responsibilities for NSW Department of Planning and Environment (Water) are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
NSW Food Authority	The roles and responsibilities for the NSW Food Authority are outlined in the Food Safety Emergency Sub Plan.
NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services	The roles and responsibilities for the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
NSW Police Force	The roles and responsibilities for the NSW Police Force are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
NSW Reconstruction Authority	The roles and responsibilities for the NSW Reconstruction Authority are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
NSW Rural Fire Service	The roles and responsibilities for the NSW Rural Fire Service are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
Owners of Declared Dams within or upstream of the LGA	The roles and responsibilities for the owners of declared dams are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
Public Information Services Functional Area	The roles and responsibilities for the Public Information Services Functional Area are outlined in the Public Information Services Supporting Plan and the NSW State Flood Plan.
State Emergency Operations Controller SEOC	The roles and responsibilities for the SEOC/SEOC are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
Surf Life Saving NSW	The roles and responsibilities for Surf Life Saving NSW are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
Telecommunications Services Functional Area	The roles and responsibilities for the Telecommunications Services Functional Area are outlined in the Telecommunications Services (TELCOPLAN) Supporting Plan.
Transport for NSW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport for NSW coordinates information on road conditions for emergency services access.

AGENCY	RESPONSIBILITIES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport for NSW coordinates the management of the road network across all modes of transport. • Transport for NSW in conjunction will assist NSW SES with the evacuation of at-risk communities by maintaining access and egress routes. • Assist the NSW SES with the communication of flood warnings and information provision to the public through Live Traffic and Social Media according to the VMS protocols and procedures. • Assist the NSW SES with identification of road infrastructure at risk of flooding.
Transport Services Functional Area	The roles and responsibilities for the Transport Services Functional Area are outlined in the Transport Services Functional Area Supporting Plan and NSW State Flood Plan.
VRA Rescue NSW	The roles and responsibilities for VRA Rescue NSW are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
Water NSW	The roles and responsibilities for Water NSW are outlined in the NSW State Flood Plan.
Welfare Services Functional Area	The roles and responsibilities for the Welfare Services Functional Area are outlined in the Welfare Services Functional Area Supporting Plan and NSW State Flood Plan.

11 Appendix C – Community Specific Roles and Responsibilities

<p>Community Members</p>	<p>Preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the potential risk and impact of flooding. • Prepare homes and property to reduce the impact of flooding. • Understand warnings and other triggers for action and the safest actions to take in a flood. • Households, institutions and businesses develop plans to manage flood risks, sharing and practicing this with family, friends, employees and neighbours. • Have an emergency kit. • Be involved in local emergency planning processes. <p>Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with community clean-up if required and able to do so. • Participate in After Action Reviews if required.
<p>Aboriginal Organisations or Groups</p>	<p>Narromine Local Aboriginal Land Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as the point of contact between the NSW SES and the Narromine Aboriginal community. • Inform the NSW SES Narromine Unit Commander about flood conditions and response needs. • Disseminate flood information, including flood and evacuation warnings, to the Narromine Aboriginal community.
<p>Communication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Narromine NSW SES Facebook Page.

Meeting Date:09.05.24

ITEM
<p>Workforce – vacancies and recruitment Nil RN vacancy-One EN and one AIN to commence in May 24 Dr Andrew Caldin and Dr Marina Parente is working 7 days a week on rotating roster. Aboriginal Health Worker role-Phil Carney commenced</p>
<p>New services / initiatives or models of care. Virtual Rural GP service is continuing when doctors are not available onsite/after hours from 1630hrs. Allied health assistant commenced 5 days/week. Peak Hill AMS outreach GP services expected to commence in May 24-Located at community health building</p>
<p>Media issues – Nil</p>
<p>Donations Tomingley mines donated to hospital auxiliary-15k towards morgue trolley-Thank you</p>
<p>Accreditation update or any other surveys the facility might participate in. Currently working on WHS audit due in oct 24 SIAT audit due in Aug 25</p>
<p>Good news stories from staff about new services or achievements by staff. 2 New Registered Nurses have completed training in ED and Triage One midwife is nominated and shortlisted for WNSWLHD Aboriginal nurse/midwife of the year Hospital auxiliary thank you day on 10th May Sorry Day on 27th May</p>
<p>General patient experience feedback:</p>

ITEM



Western NSW - Narromine Health Service
 Admitted Feedback V3
 Monthly Site Report
 Acute Ward
 Period: 01 Feb 2024 - 29 Feb 2024

Number of surveys
11
 -11
 MonM

Compliments/Complaints /Suggestions
Compliments 3
Complaints 0
Suggestions 0



Answer Date	Which staff took good care of you? (8)	What did they do that made a difference? (7)
07/02/24	Everyone	
07/02/24	[REDACTED]	Spoke to me about different things in a way I understand
16/02/24	Yes	They made me feel welcome
17/02/24	[REDACTED]	They were kind and patient
19/02/24	All of them	They were concerned about my comfort at all times
19/02/24	Nurses	Very attentive in every aspect
22/02/24	They all did	They all would listen to me
27/02/24	[REDACTED]	They were so kind and considerate. Responded quickly to the buzzer.



Western NSW - Narromine Health Service
 Emergency Feedback V3
 Monthly Site Report
 Emergency Department
 Period: 01 Feb 2024 - 29 Feb 2024

Number of surveys
23
 +3
 MonM

Compliments/Complaints /Suggestions
Compliments 5
Complaints 0
Suggestions 0



Answer Date	Which staff took good care of you? (14)	What did they do that made a difference? (14)
09/02/24	Nurse and dr	
09/02/24	[REDACTED]	We're very kind and reassuring [REDACTED] in particular was fantastic with my 4yo son who had to be brought along, and was terrified of the fire alarm which kept going off due to maintenance and testing while we were there.
14/02/24	Nurse	
14/02/24	Nurse. Dr	We're very caring and nothing was a problem
14/02/24	Nurse doctor	Made me confident I was in good hands
14/02/24		Very fast and understanding
15/02/24	All staff	Caring,pleasant,hpful
19/02/24	[REDACTED]	A very soft gentle man with his heart in his job. He picked up what was wrong but nobody else listened.
19/02/24	Lack of staff	Staff treated me well lack of staff was very disappointing treatment was wanting due to staffing shortages
19/02/24	Nurses	Made me comfortable
19/02/24	The triage nurse that was on duty, that I have unfortunately forgotten her name.	Kind, compassionate & informative
23/02/24	[REDACTED]	Kindness always. Very professional and compassionate.
23/02/24	Nurses	We're precise and caring
27/02/24	[REDACTED]	Treated me well and with respect
27/02/24	Nurse	Took all necessary tests.
27/02/24	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Opportunities for community participation in quality and service development at a local level

ITEM

Other relevant issues such as capital works projects, maintenance projects

New Fire panel has been installed.

Aboriginal artwork has been implemented.



Key Health worker accommodation to be built in mid-24

Air conditioning upgrade is ongoing Expected to be completed by May 24

New electrical mains and main switch board with extra load provision to accommodate future implementations (example Solar).

Local Emergency Management Committee Report

Report submitted by :	Kerrie Edwards (Greater Western Regional Emergency Services Officer)
Agency :	Australian Red Cross
Scheduled meeting date :	

The following activities have been or are being undertaken by this agency:

OPERATIONS

STATEWIDE

Following the attack on patrons of Bondi Westfields on April 13th 2024 – the Red Cross provided our ‘Collective Trauma Best Practice Guidelines’, and ‘Memorial Management Guidelines’ to key stakeholders involved in the response. A further offering of the provision of Psychological First Aid (PFA) was taken up by Westfields. On Thursday 18th of April 2024, Westfields reopened, and ARC was onsite to provide PFA to those visiting and processing their trauma. ARC provided people onsite at Westfields, as well as onsite at the candlelit vigil at Bondi Beach on Sunday 21st of April. Throughout the event, we provided PFA to approximately 370 individuals, and distributed approximately 800 trauma teddies.

On April 5th a significant weather system moved in a Southerly Direction heavily impacting the Sydney Basin and Illawarra. ARC provided PFA, meet and greet and registration services in 6 evacuation centres in the Sydney Basin. 52 registrations were completed in RFR – in this instance some not presenting to evacuation centres also registered reflecting the correct use of the system to register Disaster Affected People more broadly than just people in Evacuation Centres. Throughout the following week ARC also provides PFA at 6 Recovery Centres established by the Reconstruction Authority. In total 295 individuals were directly supported by ARC throughout this event.

NSW Red Cross Emergency Services team received a formal request for interstate assistance for Northern Territory Australian Red Cross (ARC) Emergency Services commencing March 22nd 2024, to March 29th 2024. 5 personnel travelled to the NT to work in a combination of IMT and field roles including the provision of PFA at the evacuation centre set up at Foskey’s Pavilion who housed 374 Disaster Affected People.

PLANNING

STATEWIDE

Bushfire Recovery Funding: Australian Red Cross' 2019-2020 Bushfire Recovery Program is reaching the conclusion of its three-year program, and the one-year extension, meaning our recovery activities will wrap up on 30 June 2024.

This program would not have been possible without the generous support of donors, volunteers, staff, and other supporters that have been pivotal in assisting communities, such as yours, who have been impacted by the bushfires.

The funds raised during the bushfire crisis were allocated to support individuals and communities during the disaster, immediately after and throughout the ongoing long-term recovery efforts up until the program concludes.

While this specific recovery initiative is coming to a close, our commitment to supporting communities during times of crisis remains steadfast. We will continue to explore avenues to offer assistance and support whenever and wherever it is most needed in the future.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

STATEWIDE

Regional Volunteer Forums commenced in April with guests from both Disaster Welfare Services and Reconstruction NSW attending to meet and chat with volunteers. This is part of our ongoing commitment to interagency collaboration and cooperation.

Training for NSW Police in Register. Find. Reunite was undertaken at Hurstville police station on the 6th of March. Training and information regarding Register. Find. Reunite is available by emailing nswemergencyservices@redcross.org.au

EXERCISES

STATEWIDE

Red Cross participated in evacuation centre exercises hosted by Disaster Welfare Services (DWS) in Cowra on the 21st of February 2024, Moree on the 14th of March 2024, Kingscliff on April 18th 2024, and will participate in a planned exercise in the Illawarra region on the 16th of May 2024.

LOCAL

Continued updating of our volunteers in the Evacuation Centre space at a local level by way of local training exercises and keeping up to date on any and all changes or requirements.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND EDUCATION:

STATEWIDE

Red Cross EmergencyRedi workshops and Get Prepared app have both been reviewed. We have launched an EmergencyREDI partnership program with NRMA with the goal of rolling out at least 100 sessions across the state next year.

Community groups and organisations interested in having the Australian Red Cross deliver an EmergencyRedi workshop, Pillowcase program, or Redi Communities workshop can lodge an enquiry via www.redcross.org.au/emergencyredi

LOCAL

GENERAL BUSINESS

Recruitment for Emergency Services volunteers with the Australian Red Cross has reopened and will remain open until late September. Those interested in volunteering should apply online by selecting 'Act for Humanity' then 'volunteering' on our website.

Continued development of local Volunteers. Commitment to attending local events and Inter-Agency meetings to speak on avenues for development in the Community Space, School Preparedness Program,

DUTY OFFICER

When formally **activating Red Cross to respond to an emergency**, contact should be made via **the Red Cross Duty Officer** phone which is: **1800 077 778**. The Duty Officer may then request additional supporting activation information to be sent to: nsweoc@redcross.org.au

REPORT AUTHORISATION

I acknowledge that this report is a true record of this agency's Disaster Management activities and authorise it to be included in the minutes of the abovementioned LEMC meeting.

Names of authorised person:

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REMO Report to Central West LEMC/LRC

May 2024

RRC

The next Combined Central West and Far West Region Rescue Committee (RRC) meeting is scheduled for Dubbo at **1130hrs** on Thursday 6th June 2024. This will be a face-to-face meeting with light lunch afterwards. **PLEASE NOTE** the new time for this meeting.

REMC

The next Central West REMC meeting is scheduled for Dubbo at 1300hrs on Thursday 6th June 2024. This will be a face-to-face meeting with light lunch prior.

OPERATIONS

The REOC status remains at 'Monitoring'. Issues currently being or recently monitored during the reporting period include: a HAZMAT incident at Oberon on Saturday 16th March, an unplanned release of wood fibre in Oberon on Tuesday 19th March and several rain/severe weather events.

At the time of reporting there are no LEOC's within the Central West (South) at alert or operational status.

LEOCOns Central West (South)

LGA	LEOCON	Deputy LEOCON
Bathurst	Glenn Cogdell	David Abercrombie
Blayney	Karl Hutchings	David Abercrombie
Cabonne	Peter Atkins	David Maher
Cowra	Donny Sproh	Rod Buhr
Forbes	Adam Beard	Thomas Martin
Lachlan	Joel Hunter	Adam Beard
Lithgow	Chris Sammut	Steve Giffney
Oberon	Alister John	Chris Sammut
Orange	David Maher	Peter Atkins
Parkes	Scott Rayner	Troy Brewin

NOTE: new/changed appointments since last report are listed in red. Some appointments may still be pending REOCON approval.

LEOCONs Central West (North)

LGA	LEOCON	Deputy LEOCON
Coonamble	Ben Tatton	Fiona Ozols
Dubbo	Russell McArthur	Michael Wiegold
		Tobias Bostock
Gilgandra	Josh Berryman	Jason Conolly

Mid-Western	Mark Fehon	Matthew Cowden
Narromine	Jeffrey Morgan	Scott Heckendorf
Walgett	Kevin Day	Drew Midson
Warren	Rebecca Byles	Jeffrey Morgan
Warrumbungle	Jason Conolly	Jason Mills

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REMOs

The Central West (South) Emergency Management Region REMO is Andrew Elms with responsibility for the local government areas of Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, and Parkes.

The Central West (North) Emergency Management Region REMO is Christopher Waters with responsibility for the local government areas of Coonamble, Dubbo Regional, Gilgandra, Mid-Western, Narromine, Walgett, Warren, and Warrumbungle.

TRAINING

Face to face emergency management training has resumed, and we are currently working to identify suitable dates for delivery of the training across the CW. Once these dates have been confirmed, LEMCs will be advised and the dates will be available on the emtraining.nsw.gov.au website.

In the meantime, we continue to encourage anyone interested in completing EM training to complete the online courses available at emtraining.nsw.gov.au.

EMPLAN's

All LEMC's are reminded that EMPLAN's **must be updated every 3 years** from the date of endorsement by the REMC. All EMPLAN's must go through the endorsement process and be signed by the Regional Emergency Management Controller. There remain several LEMCs whose Local EMPLANs are past due for review.

Consequence management guides (CMG) are developed for hazards identified in the risk assessment section of the local EMPLAN which present a medium level of risk or above, for which no local sub-plan exists. CMGs are prepared by the identified combat agency for each hazard and then approved by the LEMC Chair and the combat agency or LEOCON on behalf of the LEMC. CMGs do not require the endorsement of the Region Emergency Management Committee (REMC).

LEMCs are strongly encouraged to include CMGs on their meeting agendas as a standing item to ensure they are regularly reviewed and kept up to date.

EXERCISES

Attended

WELFAC Evacuation Centre Exercise – 21 February at Cowra

Windamere Dam – DSEP Practical Exercise – 27 March at Windamere Dam

Planning/upcoming

Bathurst Health Service multi-agency exercise – date TBC

Several LGAs are planning airport exercises

Dam Safety Exercise Water NSW, date TBC

Mudgee Airport Exercise “Scapha” – 06 May at Mudgee Airport

The REOCON, A/C Smith, encourages LEMC to plan and conduct emergency exercises as part of the PPRR cycle of emergency management. A reminder that EMPLANS are to be exercised annually unless they have been activated for an emergency in the preceding 12 months.

AFTER ACTION REVIEWS

If your LEMC experiences an emergency event related to flooding, bushfire or any other significant event or emergency you should complete an AAR as soon as possible after the event.

Andrew Elms



Central West (South)

Region Emergency Management Officer

Christopher Waters



Central West (North)

Region Emergency Management Officer

29 April 2024

The Transport Services Functional Area multimodal report for regional NSW consolidates inputs from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) divisions including Maritime and NSW TrainLink.

Prevention

Preventative Maintenance

From 01 January 2024 to 31 March 2024 the following preventative maintenance activities have been undertaken by TfNSW across regional NSW:

- 23.9 million m² of vegetation slashing
- 15.2 million m² of weeds sprayed
- 1,593 trees trimmed and 5,969 trees removed
- 87.7 thousand metres of surface drain cleaned

Specific breakdown of preventative maintenance for the Narromine LEMC area is not available at the time of reporting. This may be advised at the meeting or out of session.

Note: At this time the above figures exclude Road Maintenance Council Contracts (RMCC) arrangements.

Risk Management Strategies

- Review of the Port Safety Operating Licence: TfNSW - Maritime is engaged in the review of the Licence issued to the Port Authority of NSW which includes emergency and environmental response.
- Customer Journey Resilience (CJR) Plans: Consultation is underway with Central West councils for the regional Customer Journey Plan, with the draft plan to be completed by June 2024.
- Aboriginal Cultural Landscape Management (ACLM) Project: The Coonabarabran Local Aboriginal Lands Council pilot is under way (Warrumbungle Shire LGA).

Preparedness

Major Events / Holiday Operations

Event Name	Dates	Location	LGA	Comments
Term 2 NSW Winter	Fri 5 Jul – Mon 22 Jul	NSW	All	Implementation of traffic management strategies and deployment of additional

Event Name	Dates	Location	LGA	Comments
School Holidays (Including Kings Birthday long weekend)	2024			resources across the network.

Network Significant Oversize Over Mass (OSOM) Movements

Area	Activity Summary
Western NSW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil significant OSOM movements

Capability and Capacity

- Marine Pollution Emergency Response training was provided to 44 staff and partner organisation employees on 01 January – 31 March 2024. This included an Introduction to Marine Incident course, AIIMS and Basic Equipment Operator in Sydney.
- TfNSW – Maritime has reviewed Safe Operating Procedures (SOP's) in relation to equipment and fatigue management for marine incident response guidelines as well as developed a multiagency WHS risk assessment.

Intelligence and Planning Enhancements

- TfNSW - Maritime is currently reviewing the National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies (The National Plan), the South Coast Marine Pollution Plan and MOUs between FRNSW, Port Authority of NSW and TfNSW - Maritime.

Exercises and Continuous Improvement

- Exercise Dumaresq (12 – 13 June 2024): TfNSW - Maritime is codesigning an exercise with Maritime Safety QLD (MSQ), and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA). Phase 1 is planned for 12 – 13 June 2024. The primary purpose is to practice and refine cross-border and national response arrangements to a maritime environmental emergency.

Warning and Communication Arrangements

- The [Live Traffic NSW Guide for Freight](#) was developed and shared to enable a step-by-step guide for Freight operators on how to establish regular/frequent journeys and notification of disruptions to that journey.

Response

Severe Weather Event #128/2324 April 2024:

- Transport Liaison Officer support was provided to Blue Mountains LEOC (12 – 19 April 2024) in relation to Megalong Valley community isolation and resupply. Transport provided technical support and management of shuttle bus service for residents to access Blackheath and Katoomba.
- Transport was operational in April 2024 due to Severe Weather Event #128/2324. Nil operational response required in Narromine LEMC area.
- From 1 January - 10 April 2024 TfNSW - Maritime responded to 116 incidents across NSW, encompassing

groundings, sunken vessels, capsizes, collisions, fatalities, fires, and pollution events. Staff from various regions were mobilized daily to manage these incidents, enhancing the safety of our waterways. Proactive planning and support were provided to NSW SES in relation to the Hawkesbury River flooding.

Red Imported Fire Ants

- TfNSW have worked with Department of Primary Industries (DPI) to install permanent and temporary Red Imported Fire Ant load management signage at key NSW/QLD State border locations.
- A total of three compliance operations have been conducted with impacts to the State Road Network and TfNSW assistance required at one to date. The most recent compliance operation was conducted on the Pacific Hwy at the Chinderah Heavy vehicle inspection station (Tweed LGA) on 03/04 February 2024.

Recovery

Severe Weather Event #128/2324 April 2024:

- Restoration works relating to infrastructure damage has occurred as a result of the Severe Weather Event #128/2324 in April 2024. Nil significant impacts reported for Narromine LEMC area.

Natural Disaster Recovery Restoration Works:

- A significant number of locations across TfNSW West Region have flood damaged pavement repairs underway. Slope remediation works are underway using specialist slope remediation contractors on a number of sites across the state including the Jenolan Caves Road at Hampton (Lithgow LGA)

Other

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Submission date	1 May 2024



VRA Rescue NSW - Narromine Agency Report

<p>Operational Report Responses</p>	<p>Narromine Rescue Squad</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>Incidents</p>	<p>MVA PT - Dunedoo X Ballimore Rds Ballimore Domestic Rescue - Brisbane Street, Dubbo MVA PT - Holmwood Drive Dubbo Swift Water - Burroway Road, Narromine Animal Rescue - Dandaloo Street, Narromine Animal Rescue - Dandaloo Street, Narromine MVA PT - Mitchell X Rawsonville Bridge Road, Minore Falls Ambulance Assist Manildra Street, Narromine</p>	
<p>Other Squad Activity</p>	<p>NSW Ambulance Vehicle familiarisation training - March 2024 Swift Water Rescue Training Course 5 more operators - March Boat Operators Course - April State Rescue Board Audit - April</p>	
<p>Other Information</p>		





Narromine

Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting Agency Report

Agency name: Welfare Services Functional Area (WSFA - Disaster Welfare) –
Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)

District: Western

Meeting date: 9 May 2024

Reporting Period: February to May 2024

Submitted: 6 May 2024

Operational Activity:

Nil activations for period

Community Engagement/Training & Exercises:

The district level evacuation centre Exercise 'Deluge' was conducted at Cowra on Wednesday the 21 February 2024. With the assistance of Cowra Golf Club and the SES the training has been considered a success, with support from our disaster welfare community partners and observers who filled in as role-players. Approximately 90 persons attended the exercise.

Key Issues

- Disaster Welfare Services has transitioned to a new Government Agency, Homes NSW, from 1 February 2024. Homes NSW will be a division under the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). With the changes, this won't affect our ability to draw staff from DCJ in the future for any Disaster Welfare response.
- Disaster Welfare is working to recruit additional staff volunteers from Education to support Disaster Welfare responses across the state, into the future.
- Internal training for up-skill of staff to support evacuation centres is ongoing.

Update of contact list required?: Yes No

- **On Call – Western District Duty Officer: 0427 401 276**
(In an emergency if this number rings out please call
the State Duty Officer on 02 9212 9398)



Staff Contacts

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Education Functional Area Report to: Narromine LEMC Q2 9/5/2024

Department of Education (DoE) Activity Q2 2024

ACTIVITY:

- Education have recently been endorsed as a Functional Area by SEMC.
- There are 6 school sites within Narromine LGA, all schools currently operational.
- Storm and Flood event. Significant rainfall was recorded across NSW due to a severe weather event from 4th to 7th April 2024. Flood impacts were recorded at 619 schools with generally minor damage. 22 NSW Public Schools and 4 non-government schools were made non-operational due to the severe weather and flood impacts – nil affected schools within Narromine LGA.
- Asbestos – 30 schools within the state were tested for asbestos, Nil schools affected within Narromine LGA. DoE have representatives assisting NSW Government led taskforce addressing the asbestos contamination throughout NSW.

CAPABILITY:

DoE has increased its emergency response capability to a team of 10 emergency response officers. Each EMR has a dedicated Manager and Leader, they will be able to act as liaison officer in emergency operations centres or planned exercises (as required) and work with other agencies within the LEMC to identify schools and workplaces who may be impacted by an emergency.

The Emergency Response Team now has a Duty Officer who can be contacted 24/7 on:
1300 086 866

Your contacts for Narromine LEMC are:

Melissa Manning

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Nick Jennings

Manager, Emergency Response | [REDACTED] | nicholas.jennings15@det.nsw.edu.au

PLANNING:

All Department of Education School sites have an EM Plan, specific to each individual site. The EM plans are required to be reviewed annually. Emergency Response Team is assisting with this process where required.

TRAINING:

All Emergency Response Team members have either completed or are undertaking Emergency Management and Emergency Operations Centre Concepts training.

DoE Team are currently attending Principal Network Meetings across the state to better prepare our principals and school sites for hazards and emergencies.

ISSUES:

DoE would like to be consulted prior to using a school site for evacuation centres.

Our preference is that alternate venues are used as first choice, due to complicated nature of housing an evacuation centre within school grounds whilst children are in attendance. We will consider use of school sites on an individual case-by-case basis.

If a school site is required to be used, or a physical audit is to be conducted then a request must be made in writing to edu.lo@det.nsw.edu.au.

ACTIONS:

Nil to report

Report Completed by

Melissa Manning

Leader, Emergency Response 06/05/2024



RFS

Narromine LEMC Report

1. Bush Fire Risk Management Plan –

Work on the Next Generation Plan is well under way. .

2. Community Engagement Committee

RFS has attended the Narromine Emergency services day. Sat 4/5/24 and plan to be at the Narromine New Residents day.

3. Group Officer Elections.

Orana Group Officers elections are scheduled for 2024. We have only 1 qualified nomination in the Narromine area.

4. Tanker servicing has stated.

5. A number of Stations have been fitted with Internet booster kits.

Membership

Narromine Shire Council Currently has:

24 Brigades

409 Volunteers

Call Outs since 9/11/23 in Narromine LGA = 28

- a. Structural 4
- b. Bushfire 2
- c. Grass 5
- d. MVA 3
- e. Hazard reduction 2
- f. AFA 1
- g. Assist Public 1
- h. BBQ/ Bonfire/ Yard fire 1
- i. Car / Boat Fire 4
- j. Tree Alight 1
- k. Stubble Fire 1
- l. Assist Ambo.3

Inspector Mark Pickford.

District Coordinator Orana Team -RFS



Central West Emergency Management Region

LEMC Meeting Information Report

Submitting Agency / Functional Area / LEMC:	Agricultural and Animal Services Functional Area		
Report Prepared By:	Tristan Cameron	Date Prepared:	8/05/2024

Update on any actions arising from LEMC allocated to agency / functional area / LEMC:	
Action Required	Information Update
N/A	

Issues requiring LEMC consideration:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LLS would like to update Contact details for each LEMC committee to provide reports.

Risk & Mitigation
Are there any new hazard reduction or mitigation activities in your area of operation?
No
Are there any new significant risks in your area of operation?
Yes, potential Fire ant Incursion into NSW

Plans / Preparedness Status	
N/A	Submitted to Councils



Any other information?

Prevention and preparedness activities:

- NSW DPI continues to rollout a centralised incident management system (WebEOC) with improved functionality in rostering and availability of response staff, resource management, and improving situational awareness.
- NSW continues to prepare for priority emergency animal diseases, including foot-and-mouth disease and lumpy skin disease. Lumpy skin disease has never been detected in Australia and Australia remains free of the disease.

Training and Capability:

- NSW DPI with LLS, Public Works and EPA recently met to exercise their understanding of how the Engineering functional area (EFA) would work together with other agencies in a biosecurity emergency to coordinate carcass disposal. The Emergency Animal Disease lumpy skin disease (LSD) was used in scenarios and discussions to identify roles, responsibilities and processes that EFA would need to coordinate to carry out disposal of cattle and buffalo carcasses after disposal under highly restrictive biosecurity conditions at the direction of NSW DPI as the combat agency.
- Participation by EMC Representatives, DPI and LLS staff at Welfare Functional Area evacuation centre exercises across the state including a presentation by AASFA - [Welfare Evacuation Centre Exercise - AASFA Presentation.pptx](#). During May, attendance by AASFA regional and state representatives will test arrangements on the transition to a Major Evacuation Centre at the Dapto exercise.

Emergency response and recovery activities:

- RIFA Presentation to the State Emergency Management Committee (this was presented in March) attached for your awareness. For current information please refer to the DPI Website - [Red imported fire ants | Department of Primary Industries \(nsw.gov.au\)](#) and I do recommend signing up for the email updates to receive and share ongoing updates.
- AASFA stood up a response in support of NSW SES flood operations at the end of March across multiple regions which included preparedness messaging for primary producers across DPI and LLS socials, attendance at SES and EOC briefings monitoring of the flood situation and impacts to primary industries, activation of the AASFA Emergency Hotline for emergency animal welfare support, providing advice in the conduct of animal rescues, briefing to participating agencies. support at Evacuation Centres, the establishment of an Animal Safe Place (ASP) at Castle Hill, AASFA representation on the Blue Mountains LEOC to support Megalong Valley isolations and coordination of carcass disposals.
- ❖ Should any region be interested in running an exercise with LLS/DPI – AASFA please reach out to tristan.cameron@lls.nsw.gov.au



**Central West
Emergency Management Region**

AGENCY REPORT TO

Narromine Local Emergency Management Committee



NSWAmbulance

Agency: NSW Ambulance

Reporting Period: 01 Jan 24 to 30 Apr 24

1. ACTIVITY

FY Month	Priority	Incidents
2024 Jan	P1	18
2024 Jan	P2	23
2024 Jan		41
2024 Feb	P1	20
2024 Feb	P2	36
2024 Feb		56
2024 Mar	P1	18
2024 Mar	P2	26
2024 Mar		44
2024 Apr	P1	27
2024 Apr	P2	23
2024 Apr		50

P1 – Urgent

P2 – Non-urgent

*This doesn't include Interhospital transfers or out of town cases.

2. **CAPABILITY** Nil changes.

a. 1 Duty Ambulance Crew 0900-1900 + On Call

3. **PLANNING** Nil

4. **TRAINING** Training Session with Narromine VRA completed

5. **OTHER** Nil

6. **ACTION** Nil

Name: Lochlan Bartlett

Agency: NSW Ambulance

EM Position: Station Manager

Date: 03/05/2024

Wallaby Creek Wind Farm

- **Location:** Narromine Shire Council LGA, New South Wales. Between Narromine and Tomingley, along Tantitha and Pinedean Roads.
- **Project Configuration:** up to 44 wind turbine generators based on 5.7MW machine
- **Capacity:** up to 250 MW
- **Energy Production:** equivalent to powering up to 200,000 households
- **Anticipated construction commencement:** mid 2026
- **Project Value:** up to \$425m



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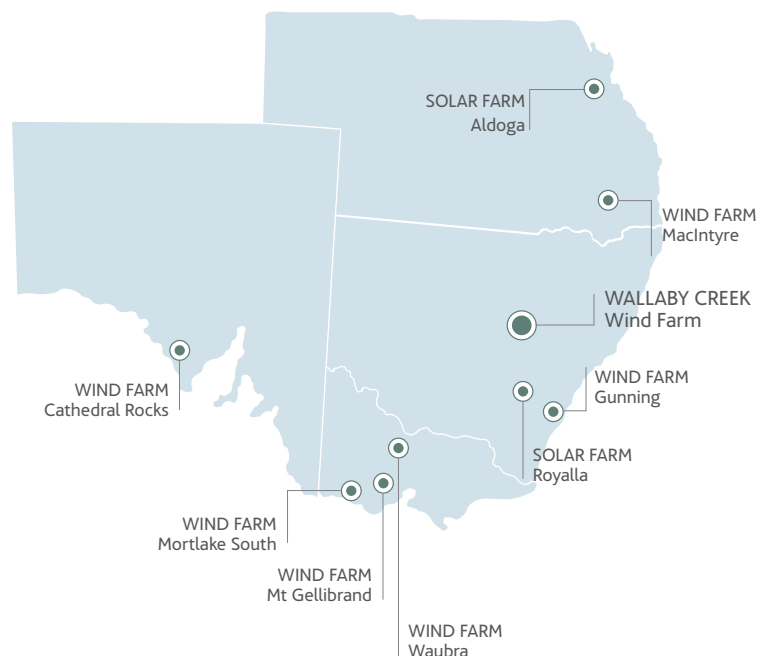
PROJECT OVERVIEW

ENERGY



Wallaby Creek Wind Farm is a proposed renewable energy project with the generating capacity of up to 250 MW.

The project is situated between Narromine and Tomingley, along Tantitha road, and is partially within the boundary of the Central West REZ, which is an area identified by the New South Wales Government as a priority region for the development of renewable energy projects. The proposed project will consist of up to 44 wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure and sits across approximately 8,000 hectares of pastoral and cropping land. The Wallaby Creek Wind Farm is proposed to connect to Essential Energy’s 132kV Narromine South Switching Station, located approximately 10km north of the project.



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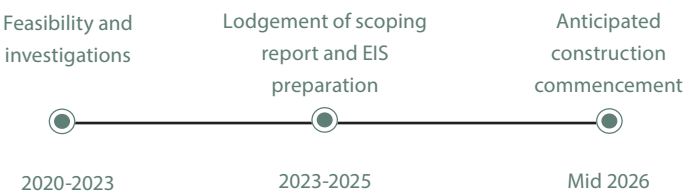
The project is considered State Significant Development (SSD) under the NSW Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011. Approval is required through the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Therefore ACCIONA Energía intends to lodge a Scoping Report and Request for Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the project in early 2023. The SEARs will initiate the commencement of an Environment Impact Statement (EIS) where further Technical Assessments; detailed site investigations such as flora and fauna surveys; cultural heritage surveys; traffic and transport studies; and noise and visual assessments will commence.

KEY FEATURES

- The site was selected due to its location within the Central West Orana REZ, its high wind resource, suitable topography, compatible land use, access to transport infrastructure and a local workforce
- The site is predominately used for pastoral and broadacre cereal cropping activities

ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

The proposed Wallaby Creek Wind Farm is currently in the feasibility stage. Wind monitoring and environmental and other investigations have been ongoing at the site and will continue to inform project design throughout the development phase, alongside feedback from the community. It can take several years to develop a wind farm. Subject to project feasibility and the receipt of all relevant approvals, we anticipate that construction could commence in late 2026, with full generation achieved in 2028. The operations phase of a wind farm is at least 30 years.



COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Significant economic activity across the Narromine Shire Council area and surrounds
- Up to 150 jobs during the wind farm construction phase and up to 8 full-time roles once the wind farm becomes operational
- Provides a diversified income for project host landowners
- Employment and procurement opportunities for local residents and businesses
- A community benefits program which will assist community organisations, groups and local schools; with financial grants to support community events, projects and activities
- A Scholarship Program open to local students to provide support to further their education at University or TAFE

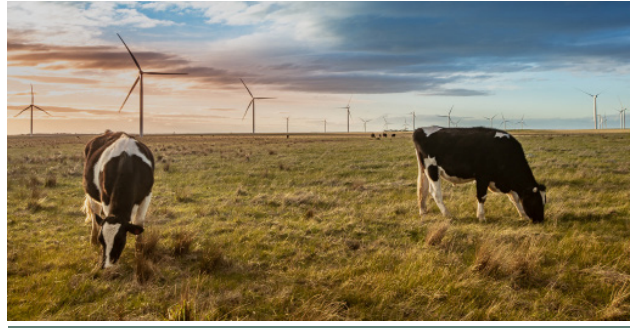
CONTACT US

ACCIONA Energía is committed to engaging with the local community surrounding the Wallaby Creek Wind Farm. We acknowledge the importance and value of feedback. You can find updates and ask questions about the project at community.accionacom.au/wallabycreek. You can also contact us via our free call community hotline on 1800 283 550, by email wallabycreek@accionacom or by or by post: PO Box 24110, Melbourne VIC 3001.

FLAGSHIP PROJECTS



Gunning Wind Farm



Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm



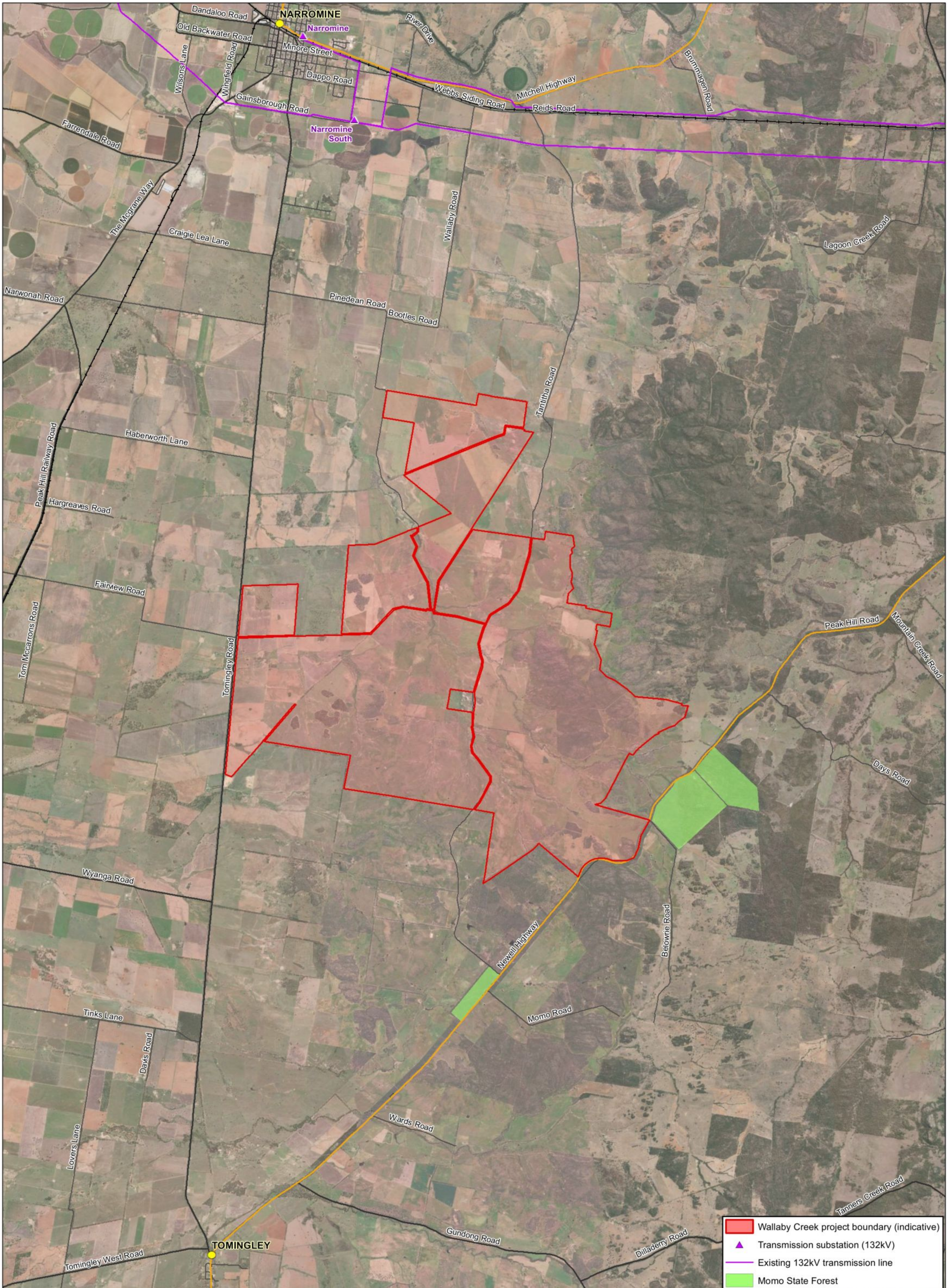
Cathedral Rocks Wind Farm



Waubra Wind Farm



Mortlake South Wind Farm



- Wallaby Creek project boundary (indicative)
- Transmission substation (132kV)
- Existing 132kV transmission line
- Momo State Forest




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WALLABY CREEK WIND FARM

PROPOSED PROJECT BOUNDARY

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