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October - November 2020

### Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements – Report

The Royal Commission Report was tabled in parliament last week. There are many recommendations within it that will have quite a large impact on local government, their LEMCs and the way emergency management is carried out in the state and the nation. Very interesting reading, please see the link as below;

<https://naturaldisaster.royalcommission.gov.au/system/files/2020-11/Royal%20Commission%20into%20National%20Natural%20Disaster%20Arrangements%20-%20Report%20%20%5Baccessible%5D.pdf#page=252>

### Preparations for major emergencies and evacuations through a COVID 19 lens.

At our recent Wheatbelt Operational Area Support Group (OASG) meeting, the potential impact COVID 19 may have on our response and evacuations was discussed.

The OASG members asked that all local governments review the COVID 19 - Welfare Centre Guidelines as provided by the Dept of Communities and develop local contingencies where they can.

### AWARE funding programme is open.

The current programme sets out to distribute \$230,000 to local governments via competitive grants to projects that build emergency management capability at the local level.

This may include;

- Furthering the emergency management risk process
- Facilitating capability based exercises
- Reviewing LEMA
- Delivering emergency management training
- Hosting or facilitating emergency management events or forums.

Any applications must be received by no later than midday Friday 11 December 2020.

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