

LONGREACH DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Foreword

This plan has been prepared pursuant to Section 53 of the Disaster Management Act 2003. The changes to the act that were assented to in November 2011 placed the Queensland Police Service as the lead agency for Disaster Management. This plan reflects the changes in the act and subsequent changes to policy and procedures.

The communities located within the Longreach Disaster District are susceptible to the impacts from a variety of natural and technological hazards.

The Longreach District Disaster Management Plan (the Plan) has been prepared under the authority of the *Disaster Management Act 2003* to provide a framework for holistic and comprehensive disaster management within the Longreach District. The plan has been modified to take in the changes to the Act as at November 2010.

The plan is designed to enhance the District's disaster management capacity by ensuring the necessary strategies are in place to provide a comprehensive (Prevention/Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery), all-agency, whole-of-government approach to disaster management through effective disaster management arrangements which may be applied in an all-hazards context.

The plan also incorporates hazard specific strategies for disaster management in respect to hazards identified through hazard analysis as having potential to cause significant losses within the community physically, psychologically and economically.

It must also include the provision of the State group's strategic policy framework for disaster management for the State, which is presently being compiled.

The plan is a dynamic document which may be amended as required to incorporate legislative changes and lessons learned from activations during disaster situations. The plan will also be reviewed periodically and amended as necessary to address the districts most significant risks as identified through hazard analysis, and ensure compliance with current best practice procedures in disaster management planning.

This plan is hereby approved by the District Disaster Coordinator for the Longreach Disaster District.

Endorsement

The preparation of this District Disaster Management Plan has been undertaken in accordance with the *Disaster Management Act 2003 (DM Act)*, to provide for effective disaster management in the district.

The plan is endorsed for distribution by the District Disaster Management Group.

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District Disaster Coordinator
Longreach District Disaster Management Group

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10. Barcaldine Shire Local Disaster Management Group
11. Blackall-Tambo Shire Local Disaster Management Group
12. Longreach Shire Local Disaster Management Group
13. Winton Shire Local Disaster Management Group
14. Regional Manager, QBUILD Capricornia Region
15. Queensland Fire and Rescue Service
16. Queensland Ambulance Service
17. Queensland Health
18. Department of Transport and Main Roads
19. Department of Communities
20. Department of Education and Training
21. Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation
22. Queensland Health Central West Health Service District

Definitions

Advisor	A person invited to participate in the business of the DDMG in an advisory capacity on an as-needed basis.
Chair	The person appointed by the Commissioner, Queensland Police Service as the Chair of the DDMG. The Chair of the group is the District Disaster Coordinator.
Coordination	The bringing together of organisations to ensure effective disaster management before, during and after an event. It is primarily concerned with systematic acquisition and application of resources (people, material, equipment, etc) in accordance with priorities set by disaster management groups. Coordination operations horizontally across organisations and agencies.
Deputy Chair	The person appointed by the Commissioner, Queensland Police Service as the Deputy Chair of the DDMG.
Disaster	A serious disruption in a community, caused by the impact of an event, that requires a significant coordinated response by the State and other entities to help the community recover from the disruption. (<i>Disaster Management Act 2003</i>)
Disaster District	Part of the state prescribed under a regulation as a disaster district.
Disaster Management	Arrangements about managing the potential adverse effect of an event, including, for example, arrangements for mitigating, preventing, preparing for, responding to and recovering from a disaster. (<i>Disaster Management Act 2003</i>)
Disaster mitigation	The taking of preventative measures to reduce the likelihood of an event occurring or, if an event occurs, to reduce the severity of the event. (<i>Disaster Management Act 2003</i>)
Disaster operations	Activities undertaken before, during or after an event happens to help reduce loss of human life, illness or injury to humans, property loss or damage, or damage to the environment, including, for example, activities to mitigate the adverse effects of the event. (<i>Disaster Management Act 2003</i>)
Disaster response	The taking of appropriate measures to respond to an event, including action taken and measures planned in anticipation of, during, and immediately after an event to ensure that its effects are minimised and that persons affected by the event are given immediate relief and support. (<i>Disaster Management Act 2003</i>)
Disaster response operations	The phase of disaster operations that relates to responding to a disaster. (<i>Disaster Management Act 2003</i>)
Disaster recovery operations	The phase of disaster operations that relates to recovering from a disaster. (<i>Disaster Management Act 2003</i>)
Disaster risk assessment	The process used to determine risk management priorities by evaluating and comparing the level of risk against predetermined standards, target risk levels or other criteria. (<i>COAG, Natural Disasters in Australia: Reforming mitigation, relief and recovery arrangements: 2002</i>)
Disaster District Coordinator	A person appointed under the <i>Disaster Management Act 2003</i> who is responsible for the coordination of disaster operations in the disaster district for the District Disaster Management Group.
District Disaster Management Group	The group established in accordance with s22 of the Act to provide coordinated State Government support and resources to LDMG's on behalf of local governments.

District Disaster Management Plan	A plan prepared in accordance with s53 of the Act, that documents planning and resource management to counter the effects of a disaster within the disaster district.
Event	(1) Any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a cyclone, earthquake, flood, storm, storm tide, tornado, tsunami, volcanic eruption or other natural happening b. an explosion or fire, a chemical, fuel or oil spill, or a gas leak c. an infestation, plague or epidemic (<i>example of an epidemic – a prevalence of foot-and-mouth disease</i>) d. a failure of, or disruption to, an essential service or infrastructure e. an attack against the state f. another event similar to an event mentioned in (a) to (e). (2) An event may be natural or caused by human acts or omissions. (<i>Disaster Management Act 2003</i>)
Executive Officer DDMG	A Police officer appointed to the position of Executive Officer to the district group by the Commissioner, Queensland Police Service.
Executive Team	The Chair, Deputy Chair and Executive Officer.
Extraordinary Meeting	A meeting convened by the Chair in response to an operational event both inside and outside the disaster district.
Functional Lead Agency	An agency allocated responsibility to prepare for and provide a disaster management function and lead relevant organisations that provide a supporting role.
Guidelines	Guidelines are developed under s63 of the Act to inform the SDMG, DDMG's and local governments about the preparation of disaster management plans, matters to be included in disaster management plans and other appropriate matters about the operation of a DDMG or LDMG.
Hazard	A source of potential harm, or a situation with a potential to cause loss. (<i>Emergency Management Australia, 2004</i>)
Local Disaster Coordinator	A person appointed under the Act who is responsible for the coordination of disaster operations for the LDMG.
Local Disaster Management Group	The group established in accordance with s29 of the Act to support the disaster management and operational activities of local governments.
Local Disaster Management Plan	A plan that documents agreed arrangements that are in place to deal with disaster events within the local government's area of responsibility.
Member	A person officially appointed as a member of the DDMG. Members have voting rights to validate the business of the group.
Ordinary Meeting	A DDMG meeting which is scheduled and convened on a regular basis at an agreed time (set by the Chair) to discuss routine business of the group.
Post-disaster Assessment	Addresses performance during and the risks revealed by a disaster event in order to improve future development of mitigation measures. Post-disaster assessment forms part of continuous improvement of the whole system. (<i>Adapted from COAG, Natural Disasters in Australia: Reforming mitigation, relief and recovery arrangements: 2002</i>)
Primary Agency	An agency allocated responsibility to prepare for and respond to a specific hazard based on their legislated and/or technical capability and authority.

Queensland disaster management arrangements	Whole-of-government arrangements to ensure the collaborative and effective coordination of planning, services, information and resources for comprehensive disaster management.
Recovery	The taking of preventative measures to recover from an event, including action taken to support disaster-affected communities in the reconstruction of infrastructure, the restoration of emotional, social, economic and physical wellbeing, and the restoration of the environment. (<i>Disaster Management Act 2003</i>)
Relief	The provision of immediate shelter, life support and human needs of persons affected by, or responding to, an emergency.
Residual Risk	The risk remaining after risk treatment. Residual risk can contain unidentified risk. Residual risk can also be known as 'retained risk'. (<i>ISO Guide 73:2009 Risk management – Vocabulary</i>)
Risk	The effect of uncertainty on objectives. (<i>ISO Guide 73:2009 Risk management – Vocabulary</i>)
Risk Management	Coordinated activities to direct and control a community or organisation with regard to risk. (Adapted from <i>ISO Guide 73:2009 Risk management – Vocabulary</i>)
Risk Register	A listing of risk statements describing sources of risk and elements at risk with assigned consequences, likelihoods and levels of risk.
Risk Treatment	Process of selection and implementation of measures to modify risk. (<i>National Emergency Risk Assessment Guidelines</i>)
Serious Disruption	Serious disruption means: (a) loss of human life, or illness or injury to humans; or (b) widespread or severe property loss or damage; or (c) widespread or severe damage to the environment. (<i>Disaster Management Act 2003</i>)
State Disaster Coordinator	A person appointed under the Act who is responsible for the coordination of disaster response operations for the SDMG.
State Recovery Coordinator	A person appointed under the Disaster Management Act 2003 who is responsible for the coordination of disaster recovery operations for the State Disaster Management Group.
State Disaster Management Plan	A planning tool for disaster managers which provides an overview of Queensland's disaster management arrangements, including agency roles and responsibilities.
State Recovery Coordinator	A person appointed under the Act who is responsible for the coordination of disaster recovery operations for the SDMG.
Temporary District Disaster Management Group	A DDMG established under the Act by the SDMG Chair, in consultation with the Commissioner, Queensland Police Service, as a temporary district group to manage a disaster across two or more affected disaster districts.

Abbreviations and Acronyms

DDC	District Disaster Coordinator
DDCC	District Disaster Coordination Centre
DDMG	District Disaster Management Group
DDMP	District Disaster Management Plan
EMQ	Emergency Management Queensland
LDC	Local Disaster Coordinator
LDCC	Local Disaster Coordination Centre
LDMG	Local Disaster Management Group
LDMP	Local Disaster Management Plan
NDRRA	Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements
NGO	Non-Government Organisation
QDMA	Queensland disaster management arrangements
QPS	Queensland Police Service
SDC	State Disaster Coordinator
SDCC	State Disaster Coordination Centre
SDCG	State Disaster Coordination Group
SDMG	State Disaster Management Group
SDMP	State Disaster Management Plan
SDRA	State Disaster Relief Arrangements
SITREP	Situation Report
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SPF	<i>Disaster Management Strategic Policy Framework</i>
the Act	<i>Disaster Management Act 2003</i>
the Minister	Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services
XO	Executive Officer

Administration and Governance

Authority to Plan

This District Disaster Management Plan is prepared under the provisions of s53 of the Disaster Management Act 2003.

Purpose

This plan details the arrangements within the Longreach disaster district to provide whole-of-government planning and coordination capability to support local governments in disaster management and disaster operations.

Objectives

The objective of the Longreach District Disaster Management Plan is to facilitate the implementation of effective and efficient disaster management strategies and arrangements including:

- The development, review and assessment of effective disaster management for the district including arrangements for mitigating, preventing, preparing for, responding to and recovering from a disaster;
- Compliance with the State Disaster Management Group's (SDMG) *Strategic Policy Framework*; the State Disaster Management Plan; the *District Disaster Management Guidelines*; and any other Guidelines relevant to district level disaster management and disaster operations.
- The development, implementation and monitoring of priorities for disaster management for the district.

Strategic Policy Framework

Disaster management and disaster operations in the Longreach district are consistent with the *Disaster Management Strategic Policy Framework*. This is achieved by:

- ensuring a comprehensive, all hazards, all agencies approach by achieving the right balance of prevention, preparedness, response and recovery;
- supporting the mainstreaming of disaster preparedness and mitigation into relevant areas of activity of government, non-government, small business and corporations;
- aligning disaster risk reduction, disaster mitigation, disaster resilience and climate change adaptation policy and actions with international and national reforms;
- promoting a transparent, systematic and consistent approach to disaster risk assessment and management, based on the *National Emergency Risk Assessment Guidelines* and the *Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009 Risk management – Principles and guidelines*;
- recognising the commitment of stakeholders and the need for collaboration across all levels of government, community, industry, commerce, government owned corporations, private and volunteer organisations, and local communities in all aspects of disaster management;
- emphasising building and maintaining sincere relationships, trust, teamwork, consultative decision-making and shared responsibilities among stakeholders; and
- promoting community resilience and economic sustainability through disaster risk reduction.

Scope

This plan details the arrangements necessary to undertake disaster management within the Longreach disaster district. This includes the local government areas of:

- *Longreach Regional Council*
- *Winton Shire Council*
- *Barcoo Regional Council*
- *Barcaldine Regional Council*
- *Blackall Tambo Regional Council*

Disaster Management Priorities

The objective of this plan is to facilitate the implementation of effective and efficient disaster management strategies and arrangements as a tool used to outline, implement, manage and monitor current disaster management priorities for the district that:

- Encompass the Australian disaster management concepts and principles as espoused by the Australian Government through Emergency Management Australia, particularly as they relate to the phases of the disaster life-cycle namely prevention/mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery (PPRR);
- Are based on the outcomes of a hazard analysis;
- Mitigate the potential adverse effects of an event and anticipated event;
- Prepare for managing the effects of an event;
- Effectively respond to, and recover from, a disaster or an emergency situation;
- Details efficient information management processes;
- Ensure the continued development of the District/Local Government disaster management strategies and arrangements;
- Provide sustainable development of the community;
- Strengthen partnerships in providing disaster mitigation;
- Are consistent with contemporary disaster management policies and practices;
- Provide for business continuity arrangements;
- Utilises a framework for emergency risk management as contained in AS/NZS 4360:2004: *Risk Management*; and
- Are consistent with the requirements for disaster planning as contained in the *Disaster Management Act 2003* (Qld) and the *Queensland Disaster Management Planning Guidelines*.

Review and Renew Plan

As per Section 55 of the Act the Longreach DDMG will review the effectiveness of the plan annually and will update the plan when agreed to do so by a majority of the DDMG core members or by request of the DDC.

Review of Local Disaster Management Arrangements

As per Section 23 of the Act the DDC and the Longreach DDMG will review the effectiveness of the relevant Local Disaster Management Plans annually and or after a major disaster.

District Disaster Management Group

Establishment

The establishment of the Longreach DDMG is in accordance with s22 of the Act.

Membership

Membership of the District Disaster Management Group as per Section 22 of the Act comprises;

Core Members

- Chairperson (Section 25(1)(a) of the Act)- District Officer, Longreach
- Deputy Chairperson (Section 25(1)(b) of the Act)- Officer In Charge, Longreach
- Executive Officer (Section 27 of the Act)- Sergeant Trevor Mergard
- Local Government (Section 24(1)(d)(ii) of the Act) – A core member for each
- Government Departments (Section 24(1)(e) of the Act)- A core member for each

Functional and Supporting Committees

The Longreach DDMG has a number of advisors that are considered important to the role of decision making. Permanent Advisors are-

Department	Role
Bureau of Meteorology BOM	Advice in regards to weather and its impact on disasters in the District
Department of Defence Joint Operations Support Staff (JOSS)	Advice in regards the uses and ways of activation of the department of Defence in times of Disaster
Telstra	Advice in regards the uses and ways of activation Telstra in times of Disaster
Ergon	Advice in regards the uses and ways of activation Ergon in times of Disaster
Longreach Airport	Advice in regards the uses and ways of activation of the Longreach Airport in times of Disaster
Queensland Rail (QR)	Advice in regards the uses and ways of activation of Queensland Rail in times of Disaster
4LG and West FM Longreach	Advice in regards the uses and ways of activation of media in times of Disaster
ABC Longreach	Advice in regards the uses and ways of activation of media in times of Disaster
Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS)	Advice in regards the uses and ways of activation of Queensland Ambulance service in times of Disaster
Queensland Helicopters	Advice in regards the uses and ways of activation of Queensland Helicopters in times of Disaster

Roles and Responsibilities

Specific Hazard	Primary Agency	State and National Plans
Animal and plant disease	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation	Queensland Veterinary Emergency Plan Australian Veterinary Emergency Plan Australian Emergency Plant Pest Response Plan
Biological (human related)	Queensland Health	State of Queensland Multi-agency Response to Chemical, Biological, Radiological Incidents
Bushfire	Queensland Fire and Rescue Service	Wildfire Mitigation and Readiness Plans (Regional)
Chemical	Queensland Fire and Rescue Service	State of Queensland Multi-agency Response to Chemical, Biological, Radiological Incidents
Influenza Pandemic	Queensland Health	Queensland Pandemic Influenza Plan National Action Plan for Human Influenza Pandemic
Ship-Sourced Pollution	Department of Transport and Main Roads	Queensland Coastal Contingency Action Plan National Plan to Combat Pollution of the Sea by Oil and Other Noxious and Hazardous Substances
Radiological	Queensland Health	State of Queensland Multi-agency Response to Chemical, Biological, Radiological Incidents
Terrorism	Queensland Police Service	Queensland Counter-Terrorism Plan National Counter-Terrorism Plan
Building and Engineering Services	Department of Public Works	
Communications Services	Department of Public Works	
Electricity, Fuel and Gas Supply	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation	
Emergency Supply	Department of Public Works	

Health Services	Queensland Health
Public Information	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
Transport Systems	Department of Transport and Main Roads
Warnings	Department of Community Safety
Economic Recovery	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation
Environmental Recovery	Department of Environment and Resource Management
Human-social Recovery	Department of Communities
Infrastructure Recovery	Department of Infrastructure and Planning

Meetings

District Group meetings must be held at least once in every six months at the times and places decided by the chairperson of the group. However, the chairperson of a District Group must call a meeting if asked, in writing, to do so by the chairperson of the State group or at least one-half plus one of the members of the District Group. Due to major issues of distance and responsibilities an annual schedule will not be available.

Reporting

The DDMG is responsible for reporting to the State. Permanent reporting processes are;

- DDMG meeting minutes- provided to all members of the DDMG within one month of the meeting.
- DDMG annual report- annually by 31 July of the year to the State.
- LDMG- Local District Management Group report provided by each LDMG at each meeting and prior to submission of the annual report.

Disaster Risk Assessment

Community Context

The Longreach Disaster District covers an area to the top of the Great Dividing Range, East of Alpha, to a point North of Winton, to a point West of Jundah and South to the South Australian Border. The country consists of mountain ranges in the East, large tracts of black soil plains in the centre of the District and arid semi-desert country to the South and West. There are numerous creeks and major river systems in the District, all of which flow into Lake Eyre, South Australia. The large black soil plains of the District are subject to flood inundation due to the flatness of the land.

The District is predominantly engaged in the rural industries such as wool and beef, there are some secondary industries such as opal mining and tourism. There is a large influx of mining explorations with the largest mining operation in the world in its infancy at Alpha. Mining will have a large impact on the communities in years to come.

There is a seasonal change in populace due to mining and tourism. The population of the Longreach Disaster District is approximately 12 400 people. The climate in the Longreach Police District could be described as short cold winters with long hot summers and the average annual rainfall is approx. 300 mm.

The Local Governments which collectively comprise the Disaster District, their population and land areas are as follows:

Local Governments	Population (Approximation)	Land area (Sq. km)
Barcaldine Regional Council	3,500	53,650
Barcoo Shire Council	460	61,950
Blackall/Tambo Regional Council	2,200	30,400
Longreach Regional Council	4,700	40,630
Winton Shire Council	1,540	54,000
Total for Disaster District	12,414	240,748

The district has the over the horizon radar within its boundaries, located near Stonehenge. This is a civil installation that has prepared its own plans that are attached to this document.

Hazards

The Longreach DDMG has identified a number of possible hazards that could impact upon the community and give rise to a disaster;

Threat	Severity	Expected timings	Preparedness
Flood	Minor to major	Expected major flood every 5-7	Major floods occur in the Barcoo, Alice, Thomson and Diamantina

			years	Rivers incorporating Coopers Creek. These systems cause long term flooding and consequential isolation of townships. Most towns in the District have to be re-supplied with food and essential items either by air or road having regard to the severity of the flood.
Storm	Moderate	Annually		<p>All areas of the District are seasonally affected by violent storms. These storms can either be (1) dry electrical storms or dust storms; (2) rain storms (3) hail storms (4) severe wind storms.</p> <p>There is potential in the District to have major property destruction and injury due to these storms.</p>
Mass Casualty Accident (Road/Air/Rail)	Moderate			<p>The Longreach has developed into a tourist centre and increasing numbers of tourist coaches are travelling through the district. In the coming years there is a massive increase expected in transport related to the mining industry.</p> <p>The condition of the roads in the District can only be described as fair and there is potential for this type of disaster.</p> <p>The possibility of an air disaster is possible due to the fact that major international air routes travel over the district.</p>
Bushfires/grass fires	Minor	Annually		<p>The Longreach District is susceptible to bush fires especially after floods, due to the fact that the black soil plains carry a heavy body of natural grass. There is no major treed areas thus reducing the impact</p> <p>Electrical storms are the usual cause of bush fires.</p>
Chemical or gas spill	Moderate			<p>Due to the constant flow of road/rail traffic in the district, the threat of a chemical/gas/explosives spill from a mobile tanker/carrier is likely.</p>

			<p>There is no great amount of chemical/gas storage in the District.</p> <p>However, the threat of explosion, exposure and fire will cause serious problems resulting in death and injury.</p> <p>Evacuation of people from populated areas will be a prime objective in this type of threat.</p>
Plant, Pest and Animal Disease Emergency	Moderate	Unknown	<p>The Longreach District is predominantly involved in the population of beef and wool.</p> <p>An outbreak of plant, pest and animal disease would result in major destruction to livestock and financial disaster to the rural sector.</p> <p>A fully equipped D.P.I. Research Centre is based in Longreach and the State "Q" Plan will be taken advantage of in the event of outbreak.</p>
Terrorism incident	Minor		<p>Any act against the State and the infrastructure of the District. The Longreach Airport is nominated as a low threat potential as is the over the horizon radar.</p>

Risk Assessment

The DDMG has identified that the hazards to which the disaster district was susceptible could come from one or more sources of risk including natural, technological, biological, geological, meteorological, social, geochemical, geophysical, geo-biological, civil/political, management activities and controls, economic circumstances, political circumstances, or a combination of any one or more thereof.

The group considered the whole range of possible hazards in terms of probability of occurring and the seriousness of the consequences if they did occur. The planning group have identified these hazards utilising the National Emergency Risk Assessment Guidelines (NERAG). The Guidelines provide a contextualized emergency risk assessment methodology consistent with the Australian/New Zealand Standard (AS/NZS 4360:2004) *Risk Management* and the International Standard (ISO 31000:2009) *Risk management - principles and guidelines*.

Direct	Indirect	Intangible
Infrastructure	Disruption of public services	Death & injury
Residential housing	Agriculture (e.g. Agistment)	Dislocation
Structure	Network disruption	Memorabilia
Contents	Business disruption	Health impacts
Commercial Building	Emergency & relief agencies	Cultural & heritage
Structure	Alternative accommodation	
Contents	Clean-up	
Agriculture		
Livestock		
Crops & pastures		
Equipment		
Fences		

Risk assessment was undertaken using the risk matrix (appendix C) whereby risks are categorised in accordance with national guidelines. The matrix provides an alpha category from A- almost certain to E- rare as the likelihood of a risk occurring, against a numerical consequence category of 1- insignificant to 5- Catastrophic. The corresponding area categorises the risk from negligible to catastrophic.

The risk register (appendix D) outlines all possible risks that could be managed. The register provides an explanation of the risk, its impact and its category as per the above matrix. Risks that rate above low are to be formally managed in some way by the DDMG.

Risk Treatment

The risk register and matrix reveals that the district is susceptible to the following risks that require some type of management.

- Flooding
- Rural fire
- Exotic animal and plant disease
- Fire Urban
- Mass casualty transport incident
- Loss of network
- Loss of landline and mobile phone coverage.

Management of the above risks is the responsibility of other agencies. The DDMG is to be aware of the planning by other agencies and be able to fill any possible voids if called on to assist.

Risk (above low)	Responsible Agency	Planning	DDMG activity
Flooding	LDMG's	LDMG operational plans	Place of safety DDCC
Fire (Rural)	Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (and Rural Fire Service)	Wildfire readiness plan	Provision of assistance not able to be gained from the LDMG
Exotic animal and plant disease	Department of Employment Economic Development and Innovation	Standing procedures within the departments	Provision of assistance not able to be gained from the LDMG and other agencies (i.e. Police)
Fire (Urban)	Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (and Rural Fire Service)	Standing procedures within the departments	Provision of assistance not able to be gained from the LDMG and other agencies (i.e. Police)
Mass casualty transport incident	Queensland Police Service	Standing procedures within the departments	Provision of assistance not able to be gained from the LDMG and other agencies (i.e. Police)
Loss of network	Telstra	Business Continuity Plans	Business Continuity Plans
Loss of landline and mobile phone coverage.	Telstra	Business Continuity Plans	Business Continuity Plans

Capacity Building

Community Awareness

Due to the district being a widespread and isolated community, the local councils (LDMG's) are the point of focus for community members in regards to disasters and awareness. Community awareness is therefore the responsibility of the LDMG's. Each LDMG reports at DDMG meetings as to what community awareness plans that are in place and their effectiveness. The DDMG members then provide input as to the effectiveness of the LDMG programs.

LDMG's are required by legislation to report in writing annually to the DDMG on any activities conducted. This in turn is reported to the State via the DDMG annual report.

Media outlets are presently advisory members of the DDMG and provide assistance in emergent cases when required. Agreements have been struck with the media outlets (ABC) that consultation be made prior to any release of information and the ready access to the DDC to provide media interviews.

Training

There is no specific recognised training being conducted by DDMG in regards to Disaster Management.

Exercises

Exercises are conducted annually by the DDMG regarding evacuation preparedness as this is identified as the major issue in the District.

Exercises are completed by use of scenario based desktop exercises as a result of the large distances between members and LDMG's.

Post-Disaster Assessment

It is recognised that a post-disaster debriefing is to be conducted at the conclusion of the disaster with all functional agencies. This debriefing is to be brought forward at the next available DDMG meeting to be discussed with members to identify issues and modifications.

Response Strategy

Warning Notification and Dissemination

DDMG members will receive warning products via a number of means.

The DDC will receive notification directly from the State Disaster Coordination Centre (SDCC) and internally through Queensland Police Service Communication Centres. The DDC will ensure the dissemination of warnings to vulnerable LDMG's within the district.

DDMG member agencies will be notified by email or telephone and may also receive notification from internal agency central offices.

A number of agencies will also receive warnings directly from the Bureau of Meteorology.

Details regarding responsibility for notification processes within DDMG member agencies are detailed in respective agency plans. Agency plans will include detailed contact registers to achieve dissemination of warnings.

The following table displays the notification responsibilities of DDMG member agencies in local government areas;

Responsible Agency	Group/Agency Notified
Queensland Police Service	Queensland Police Service Stations and establishments
Emergency Management Queensland	State Emergency Service Units/Groups
Other agencies	Via internal networks

The process for the notification and dissemination of warning products is not a function dependant on the activation of the DDMG, rather should be an automatic responsibility of DDMG Executives and members regardless of the status of activation of the DDMG.

Activation

The DDC is responsible for the activation of the DDMG. This would generally occur following consultation with one or more of;

- the Chair of the SDMG;
- the Chair of a LDMG and/or a member of the DDMG
- Chief Superintendent Central Police Region
- Assistant Commissioner Central Police Region.

The four levels of activation are shown in detail in appendix E attached:

1. Alert
2. Lean forward
3. Stand up
4. Stand down

District Disaster Coordination Centre

The Longreach District Disaster Coordination Centre Standing Operations Procedure is attached as an annexure. The centre is presently located in the training room adjacent to the meal room at the Longreach Police Station.

Plans are in place to update the DDCC but have been delayed by QBUILD.

Concept of Operations for Response

Operational Reporting

The collation of operational reporting will be the responsibility of the DDMG Executive Officer.

LDMG's are required by legislation to provide situation reports annually or when a LDMG is activated to the Executive Officer.

Local Police who attend LDMG activities in the DDMG District are to report to the Executive Officer DDMG of the activity.

The Executive Officer DDMG briefs the DDC and reports via the DDC to the State annually by report or as required

Financial Management

The Executive Officer DDMG is responsible to collate all requisitions, invoices and receipts for expenditure on the pre arranged spreadsheet on the QPS file server.

The Executive Officer DDMG will reconcile the paperwork with the spreadsheet and report accordingly to the DDMG, DDC and State.

Media Management

Media in times of emergency are to be controlled by direct liaison with the DDC. Dependant on the influx of media requests that are received, QPS Media Liaison (Police Headquarters) may be nominated as media liaison by the DDC.

Accessing Support and Allocation of Resources

The Longreach DDMG District is a rural community with well established agreements between LDMG's. All areas in the community are well versed and capable of sharing resources to others when required. Contacts within the DDMG members are also maintained.

All LDMG's and agencies are members of the DDMG.

Disaster Declaration

In the event of an emergency where the DDC is involved and it is identified that the normal legislated powers will not be sufficient to provide assistance and or preservation of life and property, the DDC in consultation with the Chief Superintendent (Operations) and Assistant Commissioner Central Region, will make application to the minister in the approved form for a declaration.

All members of the DDMG will be advised by telephone and email of the declaration and its range.

If required a media release via the ABC will be provided or authorised by the DDC to the general community.

Individual agencies will be responsible for advising their staff of the declaration and its consequences.

Resupply

As per Section 24 to 27 of the Resupplying of Isolated Communities Policy and Procedures (Annexure G) the DDC is to act as a filter to ensure any re supply requests from LDMG's are correct and budgeted.

Requests are then to be forwarded to the SDMG via the Executive Officer SDMG.

The executive officer DDMG is to ensure all requests and paperwork are appropriately logged for reference and reconciliation.

Functional Plans

This section provides reference to functional plans developed in support of this main plan.

To date the only plan requested by the DDMG is from the Education Department who have provided a flow chart of procedures to utilise school buildings and shelter in times of disaster.

Hazard Specific Arrangements

Plans provided by other agencies as references to assist the present plan are

- Central West Regional Plan
- Education Disaster Plan
- Queensland Pandemic and influenza plan
- Wildfire readiness plan
- 2010 Longreach Community Recovery Plan

These plans are accessible via the QPS file server.

Recovery Strategy

The Longreach DDMG recovery strategies, incorporating human-social, infrastructure, economic, and environmental factors are contained within the 2010 Community Recovery Plan prepared by the Department of Communities.

This recovery strategy provides a framework for the coordination of recovery operations within the district and is supported by the procedures outlined in the *Queensland Recovery Guidelines*.

Scope

This recovery strategy has been developed to;

- include all functions of recovery (human-social, infrastructure, economic and environmental);
- define broad parameters for the effective coordination of recovery operations within the district;
- identify constraints for recovery at a district level; and
- identify for each recovery function, a broad scale of recovery that can be managed at a district level

Functions of Recovery

For the purpose of effective coordination, aspects of recovery are conceptually grouped into four functions. It is important to acknowledge that each of the four functions of recovery overlap and have an interlocking relationship with the other functions. The four functions are;

- Economic;
- Environmental;
- Human-Social; and
- Infrastructure

There are four lead agencies which have been assigned primary responsibility for each of these four functions of recovery. These four agencies are;

Economic	-	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation
Environmental	-	Department of Environment and Resource Management
Human-Social	-	Department of Community Safety
Infrastructure	-	Department of Public Works

To aid local disaster management groups in the disaster recovery process, the DDC may establish a District Recovery Group (DRG). The functions of the DRG are to overview Local Disaster Management Group recovery processes within the Longreach Disaster District, and provide operational and strategic assistance to ensure a holistic and coordinated recovery.

Although the DDC is responsible for the coordination of disaster recovery, the DDC may assign a person as the District Recovery Coordinator (DRC) to chair the DRG. The DRC is to report to the DDC or Deputy DDC on the functioning and progress of the recovery process.

The focus of the DRG will be the core four functions of recovery.

Parameters and Constraints

Disaster recovery is the coordinated process of supporting affected individuals and communities in the reconstruction, restoration and rehabilitation of infrastructure, economy and environment, as well as the provision of support both emotional and physical to those affected.

The recovery process is often protracted and exhaustive to both human and physical resources available. It may involve the following;

- The provision of relief resources and support to affected persons including medical aid and counselling services;
- Restoration of critical infrastructure within affected areas;
- Restoration of essential services within communities (i.e. medical);
- Restoration of the environment within affected areas;

The lead agencies involved in disaster recovery within communities are often supported by other organisations and agencies (including local agencies) each who have pivotal roles in disaster recovery. It must be recognised however that at times the resources and capabilities of these lead agencies and local organisations may be exhausted, and assistance from other areas may be required. A coordinated and controlled response by each of these agencies will be required to ensure that affected communities are rebuilt and strengthened as soon as possible.

Operational and Action Plans

The Longreach District Disaster Management Group Operational Plan is under construction and will take the form of a binder providing telephone contacts, community contacts and flow charts to guide members in the case of emergency or disaster and will be located with disaster management documentation in the office of the DDC and Executive Officer.

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Distribution List

Position	Organisation	Hard Copy ✓	Electronic Copy ✓
District Disaster Coordinator	Queensland Police Service	✓	✓
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Deputy Executive Officer, District Disaster Coordinator	Queensland Police Service	✓	✓
Chief Superintendent (Operation), Central Region	Queensland Police Service	✓	✓
Chief Superintendent, Disaster and Major Event Planning Branch	Queensland Police Service	✓	✓
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Chairperson	Barcaldine Shire Local Disaster Management Group		✓
Chairperson	Blackall Tambo Shire Local Disaster Management Group		✓
Chairperson	Longreach Shire Local Disaster Management Group		✓
Chairperson	Winton Shire Local Disaster Management Group		✓
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District Representative	Queensland Ambulance Service		✓
District Representative	Queensland Health		✓
District Representative	Department of Transport and Main Roads		✓
District Representative	Department of Communities		✓
District Representative	Department of Education and Training		✓
District Representative	Department of Employment, Economic Development and		✓

	Innovation		
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Longreach District Disaster Management Group Contact List

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Risk Matrix

			CONSEQUENCE (IMPACT)				
			Insignificant (1)	Minor (2)	Moderate (3)	Major (4)	Catastrophic
			Event causes no injuries to persons	Any injuries resulting in first aid treatment of persons	Any injuries resulting in medical treatment of persons	The event causes extensive injury injuries resulting in hospitalisation of persons	Event causes fatality or multiple fatalities Services suspended indefinitely Substantial hardship and loss Financial loss is huge Severe technical or system functional impact
			No consequences for Services	Has the potential to cause a medial treatment injury (e.g. near miss)	Has the potential to cause a medial treatment injury (e.g. near miss)	Has the potential to cause extensive injury or death (e.g. dangerous event)	
			No consequences for Customers	Services delivered with minor delay	Services delivered with moderate delays	Services delivered with major delays	
			No consequences for People	Customers experience minor inconvenience	Customers experience moderate inconvenience	Residents experience major inconvenience and some losses	
			No consequences for Finances	Financial losses are small Technical - Lower priority requirement missing, with workaround	Financial loss is moderate Technical – Lower priority requirement missing, no workaround	Financial loss is major Major technical or system functional impact	
LIKELIHOOD	Almost Certain The event is expected to occur in most circumstances	A	Low +	Medium +	High	Very High	Extreme
	Likely The event will probably occur in most circumstances	B	Low -	Medium -	Medium +	High	Very High
	Moderate The event will occur at some time	C	Negligible	Low +	Medium -	Medium +	High
	Unlikely The event could occur at some time	D	Negligible	Low -	Low +	Medium -	Medium +
	Rare The event may only occur in exceptional circumstances	E	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Low -	Low +

Longreach District Risk Register

Risk No	Source	Risk Statement	Risk Likelihood	Risk Impact	Risk Exposure	Mitigation Strategy	Priority	Residual Risk / Confidence Level	Officer/s Responsible for Mitigation	Performance Measures Including reporting and monitoring requirements
1	Tropical Cyclone	<p>Tropical cyclones (TC) do not affect this district due to cyclones decreasing in severity quickly when crossing land.</p> <p>The most recent TC events impacting the Longreach District was TC Yasi - classified as a Category 5 cyclone as it approached the Queensland coast. Thursday, 3 February 2011. Yasi was downgraded to a category 2 prior to passing near Winton with no damage</p>	E	2	Negligible	<p>The threat of a natural disaster cannot be mitigated against</p> <p>This event is negligible in this district and there are sufficient media coverage in this instance</p> <p>SMS can be used in rare events</p> <p>Evacuation Centres are identified for residents</p>	Low	High	LDMG's	

2	Flooding	Several large river systems traverse the Disaster District. During the wet season, these rivers have the capacity to flood, causing road services to be temporarily severed and properties and communities isolated. Such isolation may extend for months in the sparsely inhabited properties of this District. Flooding is usually associated with the effects of the seasonal monsoon influence or rain depressions	B	4	HIGH	<p>Flooding results from heavy rainfall and water not being able to recede quickly.</p> <p>DEEDI has produced flood mapping for the major river systems that is still in planning stages.</p> <p>Flooding maps could be updated on all Council's websites so residents are aware of their risk.</p> <p>Mapping of flood prone areas is a primary step involved in reducing the risk of the district. Historical records give the indication of flood inundation areas and the period of occurrence and the extent of the coverage. The basic map is combined with other maps and data to form a complete image of the flood-plain.</p> <p>Warning can be issued based on historical flood maps, river height warnings and predictors on the DEEDI flood maps which take into account rainfall measurements at predetermined locations.</p>	High	high	LDMG & DDMG Members
3	Rural Fire	The threat of grass fire is common in the District due to the very high temperatures and low water content. Grasses that grow over the wet season are in the majority of times dry and considered a high fire risk through out the year as there is little rainfall between march and	B	4	high	Queensland Fire & Rescue Service and the Rural Fire Service are responsible for fire mitigation, prescribed burning, volunteer training, community awareness and education	Med		QFRS, Department of Communities

		October. Grass fire does not normally affect the townships but does impact on grazing land and property assets.							
4	Exotic Animal and Plant Disease	<p>Outbreak of exotic animal and plant disease is a possibility in the area. Large cattle properties exist in the District with a cattle sale yard located in close proximity of Longreach.</p> <p>Most of the District is within a cattle tick free area and monitoring of stock already exists.</p> <p>An outbreak of emergency animal disease, such as foot and mouth disease (FMD) requires the implementation of a 'standstill' order in respect to movement of all cloven hoofed animals, and the slaughtering and destruction of all animals on properties known, or suspected, of carrying infected animals, along with animals on all neighbouring properties.</p> <p>In recent history there have been outbreaks in local areas of new introduced tick species that have impacted landholders.</p>	C	4	MEDIUM+	<p>DEEDI is the lead agency for mitigating the risks and impacts to the economy, the environment, human health or social amenity associated with biosecurity risks that impact on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - plant and animal industries including agriculture, horticulture, aquaculture, fisheries, forestry and racing - biodiversity and the natural environment (terrestrial and aquatic) - cultural heritage, recreation, sport and social amenity - infrastructure and service industries, including power, communication, shipping and water supplies - tourism, lifestyle and pleasure industries - the built environment - human health through transfer of diseases from animals to humans (known as zoonoses). <p>Ongoing research and mitigation strategies are being developed regularly.</p>	Med		Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation

5	Fire Urban	The major townships and communities within the District are serviced by QFRS and Rural Fire Service with full time units supplemented by volunteers.	C	4	Medium +	The Queensland Fire & Rescue Service is responsible for fire mitigation, responding to requests and community awareness and education.	Med		QFRS, Department of Communities	
6	Chemical, Biological, Radiological & Nuclear (CBRN)	There are some storage areas such as Hospitals in this regard. The most obvious issue is resultant from the transport of these products by road or rail.	D	3	Low +	The issue of a traffic incident involving this type of product would be controlled by the Police and QFRS conjointly.	Minor		QPS and QFRS	
7	Mass Casualty Transport Incident	There are four airports that utilise commercial airports in the District- Longreach, Barcardine, Blackall and Winton with regular propeller driven commercial planes servicing the divisions. Each LDMG manages the airports Road accidents of a size and complexity to involve a Disaster Management response would be rare but may possibly involve tourists. In this case a LDMG may request a part activation of the DMG plan in support of their management of the event. QLD Rail operates a rail network linking Longreach to Brisbane. This link takes passenger and commercial freight.	C	3	Medium -	An incident involving a mass transport vehicle would be managed by the QPS with possibility of using some of the services of the LDMG and DDMG	Minor		QPS	

Longreach District Risk Analysis

Risk Analysis						
Risk No	Level of Existing PP Controls	Level of Existing RR Controls	Consequence	Likelihood	Risk	Confidence Level
1 Tropical Cyclone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasonal preparedness Monitoring of weather warnings Media coverage Briefing up and briefing down 	Responsibilities of DDMG members (QPS, EMQ and Department of Communities) as outlined in this plan. Maintaining contact with State Disaster Management Group	Moderate	Negligible	Low	High
2 Flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasonal preparedness Monitoring of weather warnings and local river heights against historical information Media coverage Briefing up and briefing down Setting up of evacuation centres and registration of personnel Consultation with members of DDMG 	Responsibilities of LDMG together with and assisted by DDMG. Maintaining contact with State Disaster Management Group	Major	Very Possible	High	High
3 Rural Fires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queensland Rural Fire Service together with LDMG and over viewing by DDMG Media coverage Encouragement of fire breaks to be placed on 	Setting up of rural volunteer fire services within police divisions being monitored and trained by both QFRS and EMQ Ensuring all fire units/equipment is well maintained and ready to go.	Major	Very Possible	High	Medium

	all properties					
4 Exotic Animal and Plant Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEEDI is the lead agency to advise LDMG and DDMG of current outbreaks and level of controls required. QPS to assist with impoundment 	Education of landholders and persons associated with the livestock transport industry Constant monitoring by DEEDI officers and livestock inspectors.	Moderate	Low	Low	High
5 Fire (urban)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QFRS (urban) is the lead agency to be assisted by QPS and LDMG in the need of evacuation. 	Educational programs placed at schools and at adult forums dealing with the risks associated with fire and the mitigation of same	Severe	Low	Moderate	Moderate
6 Chemical, Biological, Radiologica l and Nuclear (CBRN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QFRS lead agency together with QPS and overviewed by LDMG together with DDMG Particular training to QFRS members and volunteers in dealing with same 	Depending on location, evacuation of residential business houses may be required that would be organised and coordinated by QPS under the lead agencies direction	Moderate	Low	High	High
7 Mass Casualty Transport Incident (air, road and rail)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QPS is the lead agency combined with other emergency services being assisted by LDMG and being overviewed by DDMG. 	Combined exercise with all emergency services within all LDMG areas and overviewed by DDC and EMQ	Moderate	Moderate	High	High

District Levels of Activation for Response Arrangements

	ALERT	LEAN FORWARD		STAND UP		STAND DOWN
		LEVEL ONE	LEVEL TWO	LEVEL ONE	LEVEL TWO	
Trigger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One or more LDMG's operational • Awareness that threat may be wide spread 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential requirements for DDMG to coordinate disaster operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threat level indicates DDMG support may be required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for support received from LDCC • Large threat is imminent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact in the District • Coordinated support required • Significant state resources committed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All LDMG's stood down • Recovery arrangements functioning¹
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XO brief DDC on activation level of LDMG/s • Analysis of threat • Contact LDC/s 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain contact with all LDCs • Communication procedures established • Planning commenced for support to DDCC • Advise State regarding status of DDMG • Establish all contacts • Set up email systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt of SITREPs • Brief DDMG Core Members • Warning orders given to DDMG • Planning for potential support to LDMG's • DDC support staff briefed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop situational awareness • Pass on urgent warnings • Commence SITREPs to SDCC • Roster developed for DDCC • DDCC activated with required staff • Forward planning commenced • SDCC advised • DDMG stood up • Regular SITREPs provided to SDCC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDCC activated and roster commenced • Logistics, operations planning and administrative cells in place • Coordination of state support commenced • Receive advice from State Disaster Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final SITREPs to SDMG • Debrief of DDCC staff • Debrief of DDMG members • Finalisation of expenditure • Transition from response and recovery to recovery • Agencies not involved in recovery operations resume standard business and afterhours contact arrangements

¹ Full detail on levels of activation for recovery arrangements are outlined in the *Queensland Recovery Guidelines*.

Queensland Government Resupplying Isolated Communities Policy and Procedures

http://lgh-fls-01:8100/http-Public%20Folders/DETO/DDMG%20PLan/Resupply_Policy.pdf