



Date: Tuesday 28 November 2023
Time: 1.30 pm
Meeting Room: Tasman Council Chamber
Venue: 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

Komiti Whakahaerenga Tiwhikete Whakawhanaunga

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National Emergency Management Agency Update

Written update to the Nelson Tasman CDEM Group Joint Committee meeting on 28 November 2023

NEMA Updates

1. **Manager National Operations and National Controller**

Roger Ball resigned from his role as Manager National Operations and National Controller. His last day with NEMA was 27 October. Wendy Wright, our Strategic Programme Director has been formally appointed as National Controller. Ajay Makhija is the (Acting) Manager for National Operations. He will be in this role until February while we advertise for a permanent National Operations Manager.

2. **Secondment of Charlie Blanch to Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO)**

On 2 October 2023 Charlie Blanch, Chief Advisor National Operations - started a 12-month secondment to WREMO as Manager Operational Readiness / Group Controller. This is a development opportunity that will broaden his experience in the Sector by allowing him to gain hands-on experience with CDEM Group and Local Government arrangements.

3. **National Exercise Rū Whenua**

On 12 October NEMA issued a warning order to provide advance warning of Exercise Rū Whenua 2024, a Tier 4 (national) exercise under the National Civil Defence Emergency Management Exercise Programme and a national exercise on the Interagency National Exercise Programme.

The exercise will be led by NEMA and will be conducted over three dates in 2024; 12 June, 26 June, and 10 July 2024, with accompanying lead-up activities taking place prior to the main exercise days. Your agency will be formally invited to participate in the main exercise later in 2023.

4. **Annual Readiness Training 2023**

In early October emergency managers of the NZ Emergency Management Assistance Team (NZEMAT) completed their annual readiness training exercise at Ellerslie Racecourse in Tāmaki Makaurau. The training brought together NEMA's Regional Emergency Management Advisors and Rapid Response Team, Emergency Management Leadership Development Programme alumni and the NZ Police to train alongside NZEMAT for austere emergency environments and develop their technical capabilities.

The annual event packed a massive amount into the programme ensuring participants got the most out of the experience. Based on a large tsunami generating earthquake which impacted a large part of Aotearoa New Zealand, participants were tasked with establishing the Alternative National Crisis Management Centre at Ellerslie Racecourse and coordinating the national response to the simulated emergency.

Two of New Zealand's Auckland based Response Teams (NZ-RT 3 and 5) joined in on their training night to help establish a temporary Civil Defence Centre and conduct needs assessments alongside NZEMAT staff.

5. Recovery Update

There are 13 CDEM Groups across the country that are currently in active recovery. A map of the affected regions and districts is included (Appendix One). The number of Notices of Local Transition Periods currently sits at 4 (Queenstown, Marlborough, Tairāwhiti, Auckland).

6. CDEM Bill Update

All parliamentary business, including the Emergency Management Bill, lapsed on 8 September 2023 when Parliament was dissolved. The new Government will need to decide whether to reinstate the Bill. Submissions on the bill closed on 3 November.

7. National Vulnerability Assessment

On 15 September the New Zealand Lifelines Council released the 2023 edition of *the Aotearoa-New Zealand's Critical Infrastructure: A National Vulnerability Assessment (NVA)*. This report is intended to:

- provide a unique strategic perspective of all infrastructure services as they act in combination to support the wellbeing of New Zealanders,
- stimulate awareness particularly about interdependencies,
- drive a change in approach to prioritising resilience investment in infrastructure, to best meet our community needs.
- Check out the NVA [here](#)

8. North Island Severe Weather Events After Action Review

NEMA has conducted its After-Action-Review (AAR) to identify actions that need to be undertaken to ensure that NEMA is ready for future large and potentially catastrophic natural hazard events. The AAR is focused on NEMA's role and actions and is not an All-of-Government review. CDEM Groups and other agencies have completed their own debrief.

A national level after action review workshop (a combined multi-agency/CDEM workshop) was held on 17 October 2023.

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Appendix One – Groups and Districts Currently in Recovery

- NEMA SUPPORTED, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER AGENCIES
- ▨ CRU COORDINATED, SUPPORTED BY NEMA AND OTHER AGENCIES



Note: South Wairarapa, Carterton and Masterton are part of the Wellington CDEM Group.

