



Minutes of a meeting of the HB Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee

Date: Monday 24 March 2025

Time: 1.30pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
159 Dalton Street
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Present: H Ormsby, Chair
Mayor A Walker, Deputy Chair
Cr T Kerr – HDC alternate
Mayor C Little – WDC
Mayor K Wise – NCC

Advisory members in attendance B Barber – Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Inc
J Hamilton – Specialist Advisor
L Symes – Tātau Tātau o te Wairoa

In Attendance: S Briggs – HB CDEM Group Manager /Controller
N Peet – HBRC Chief Executive
D Tate – CHBDC Chief Executive
N Bickle – HDC Chief Executive
L Miller – NCC Chief Executive
I Wilson – National Emergency Management Agency
M Boggs – Director of HB CDEM Transformation
M McGrath – HBRC Legal Advisor
A Sandilands – HBRC Chief Legal Advisor
R Hollyman – HBRC Governance Advisor
P Martin – Acting Team Leader Governance
J Price – National Emergency Management Agency
A Fromont – National Emergency Management Agency
L Prattley – National Emergency Management Agency

1. Welcome/Karakia /Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone and Bayden Barber opened the meeting with a karakia. Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst was unable to attend so HDC alternate Councillor Tania Kerr attended the meeting.

2. Conflict of interest declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the HB Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee held on 27 January 2025

CDE6/25

Resolution

Minutes of the HB Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee held on Monday, 27 January 2025, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

Walker/Wise
CARRIED

4. National Space Weather Response Plan

The Chair introduced Shane Briggs who spoke to the item and introduced Louisa Prattley and Ashleigh Fromont from NEMA (both online). A NEMA presentation (attached) highlighted:

- Space weather can be identified as very powerful bursts of energy from the sun which can interfere with critical infrastructure on a global scale; such as electricity grids, satellite, comms and more. Because of this, we cannot rely on assistance from other countries as they would be equally affected by the event.
- At a community level the impacts are likely to affect transport systems however traditional radio services may not be affected.
- These events are becoming more frequent.
- Typically there would be 12 hours' notice of a space weather event and actions we can take within that first 12 hours. Actions are still to be fully developed, particularly at a regional level.
- There is also a current National Space Weather Response Plan and a typical Civil Defence household disaster preparation plan would be sufficient to cope with a solar event.

CDE7/25

Resolution

That the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee receives and notes the *National Space Weather Response Plan* presentation.

Walker/Kerr
CARRIED

5. National Emergency Management Agency update

Shane Briggs introduced John Price, Director of NEMA, who delivered a presentation that highlighted:

- NEMA has created an Emergency Management Significant Improvement Programme (EMSIP) that consolidates 15 identified actions into 5 focus areas.
- Alongside EMSIP, the updated Emergency Management Bill is intended to strengthen communities and Iwi Māori, provide clear responsibilities, and set higher standards for delivering emergency management.
- EMSIP phase 2 covers: 1 Whole of society approach, 2 support and enable local government, 3 build capability and capacity, 4 enable the system and 5 focus on delivery.
- Delivery cost forecasts have been increased to \$30mil.
- Whole of society approach incorporates Iwi Māori and other communities such as churches, pacifica, schools.
- Local, regional, and national response plans must be updated to be fit for purpose.

- Developing a good common operating picture (COP) with good retrievable data, tools, analytics, early warning systems, mobile alerting systems, notification systems etc is essential.
- Intend to uplift the regional support systems and teams with training and exercises.

Discussions covered:

- Vulnerable communities need to be represented, training and uplift, group control should be alongside CEs as opposed to assuming the extra roles. May or may not decide this. Public Submissions needed for feedback on this process – via normal submission process.
- Māori need to be hard-wired into the emergency management systems, including in legislation, at governance and operational levels.
- Each Region should have the flexibility to make some decisions as opposed to being directed by central government – it's important that the correct people are at the table to make the right decisions.

CDE8/25

Resolution

That the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee receives and notes the *National Emergency Management Agency update* and presentation.

**Walker/Kerr
CARRIED**

6. Transformation Strategy implementation update

Matt Boggs introduced the item, which was taken as read, and highlighted:

- Transformation moves to a decentralised model with both group and local support as of 1 July 2025, so decisions to align funding need to be made through all of the councils' 2025-26 Annual Plan processes.
- From 1 July to December 2025 there will be tests and adjustment periods, followed by, from about January 2026 operating under a service level agreement that we will live with until 2027.
- Drafted and sought legal opinion on Māori representation including in legislation. Will write recommendations and provide a framework in the plan for leads at local level.

Leon Symes left the meeting at 2.34pm

- Training and exercising is making real strides and dates for council exercises will come shortly.
- Recruitment remains challenging.
- The community wants to see progress so need to keep the pressure on to hit deadlines, with 1 July for the community to see something tangible.
- Each council will need to make decisions on monitoring/ warning system details as part of asset review processes. A critical focus is making the monitoring systems more resilient.
- We need to highlight personal decision-making however work continues on local and regional trigger levels for evacuating, e.g. when the rain is starting/ before it starts, Wairoa has a set of swings in a playground, when that floods, think about evacuating.
- The plan establishes a new baseline this year and there are more hard decisions to come, for the 2027-37 long term plans.
- Nic Peet confirmed that the 'Group Office' will be moving because it's intended that HDC will take the current facility over for using as its EOC.

CDE9/25

Resolution

That the HB CDEM Group Joint Committee receives and notes the *Transformation Strategy implementation update* staff report.

**Kerr/Walker
CARRIED**

7. HB CDEM Group update

Shane Briggs introduced the item, highlighting:

- We have trained 177 people in four weeks, which is making a real difference to the level of capacity.
- Working on trigger levels, and how these will be set.
- There has been an overspend on external expenditure relating to training.
- It's been suggested that elected members, (including community boards) complete emergency management training, potentially at the beginning of the new triennium.
- An updated work programme will be prepared for the 28 April 2025 CEG meeting.

CDE10/25

Resolution

That the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee receives and notes the *HB CDEM Group update*.

**Wise/Little
CARRIED**

8. HB CDEM Group Controller appointments update

Shane Briggs introduced the item, highlighting:

- Four expressions of interest for Group Controller were received and the team is in communication with three of those. Some challenges with those who submitted EOIs include conflicts of interest, not living in the region and leaving the region.
- The next Controller Training course is in August with a prerequisite to complete seven weeks of pre-course work prior to the course date. Three spaces are reserved to ensure spaces are available for new appointees.

CDE11/25

Resolution

That the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee receives and notes the *HB CDEM Group Controller appointments update*.

**Little/Kerr
CARRIED**

9. Cyclone Gabrielle Coroner's Inquest legal representation

Resolution

That *the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee* excludes the public from this section of the meeting, being Agenda Item 8 Cyclone Gabrielle Coroner's Inquest legal representation with the general subject of the item to be considered while the public is excluded. The reasons for passing the resolution and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are:

CDE12/25

General subject of the item to be considered	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of the resolution	Reason for passing this resolution
Cyclone Gabrielle Coroner's Inquest legal representation	s7(2)(g) Excluding the public is necessary to prevent disclosure of information that is legally privileged.	The matters being discussed will include legally privileged material.

**Little/Kerr
CARRIED**

The meeting went into public excluded session at 3.05pm and out of public excluded session at 3.27pm

Bayden Barber offered a karakia to close the meeting.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.28pm on Monday 24 March 2025.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Date: 24 March 2025

Chair: Hinewai Ormsby

To be attached:

1. NEMA space weather presentation (7 slides)
2. NEMA Emergency Management Significant Improvement Programme presentation (9 slides)

Space Weather: Hazard & Plan

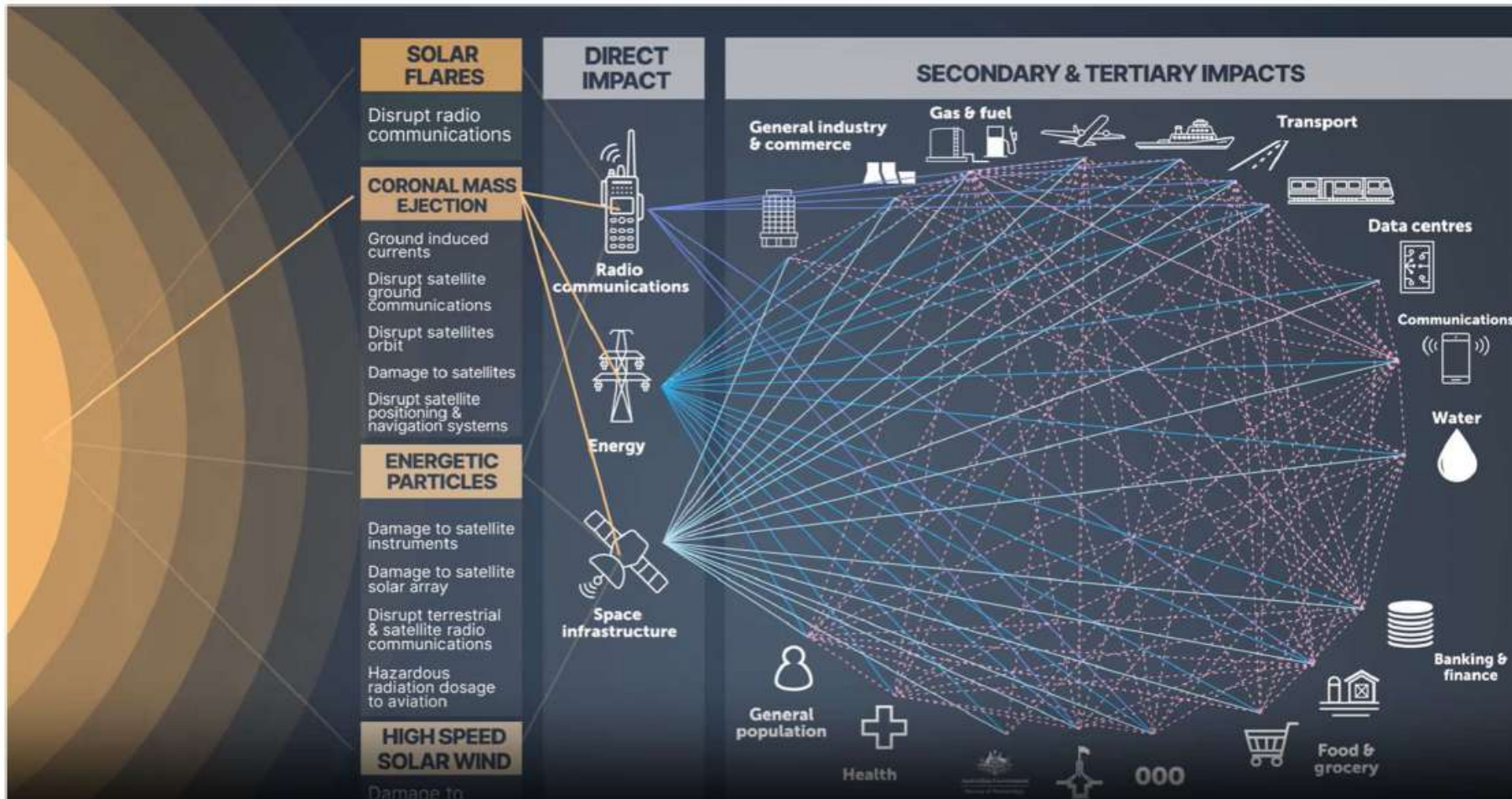
Ashleigh Fromont Team Leader Hazard Risk Management
Louisa Prattley Senior Advisor Planning



Space weather is caused by powerful bursts of energy from the Sun



Space weather causes complex consequences



Space Weather Programme



NATIONAL SPACE
WEATHER RESPONSE
PLAN



SUPPORT SYSTEM WIDE
ACTIVITIES



ADDRESS GAPS IN
OPERATIONAL READINESS
AND RESPONSE



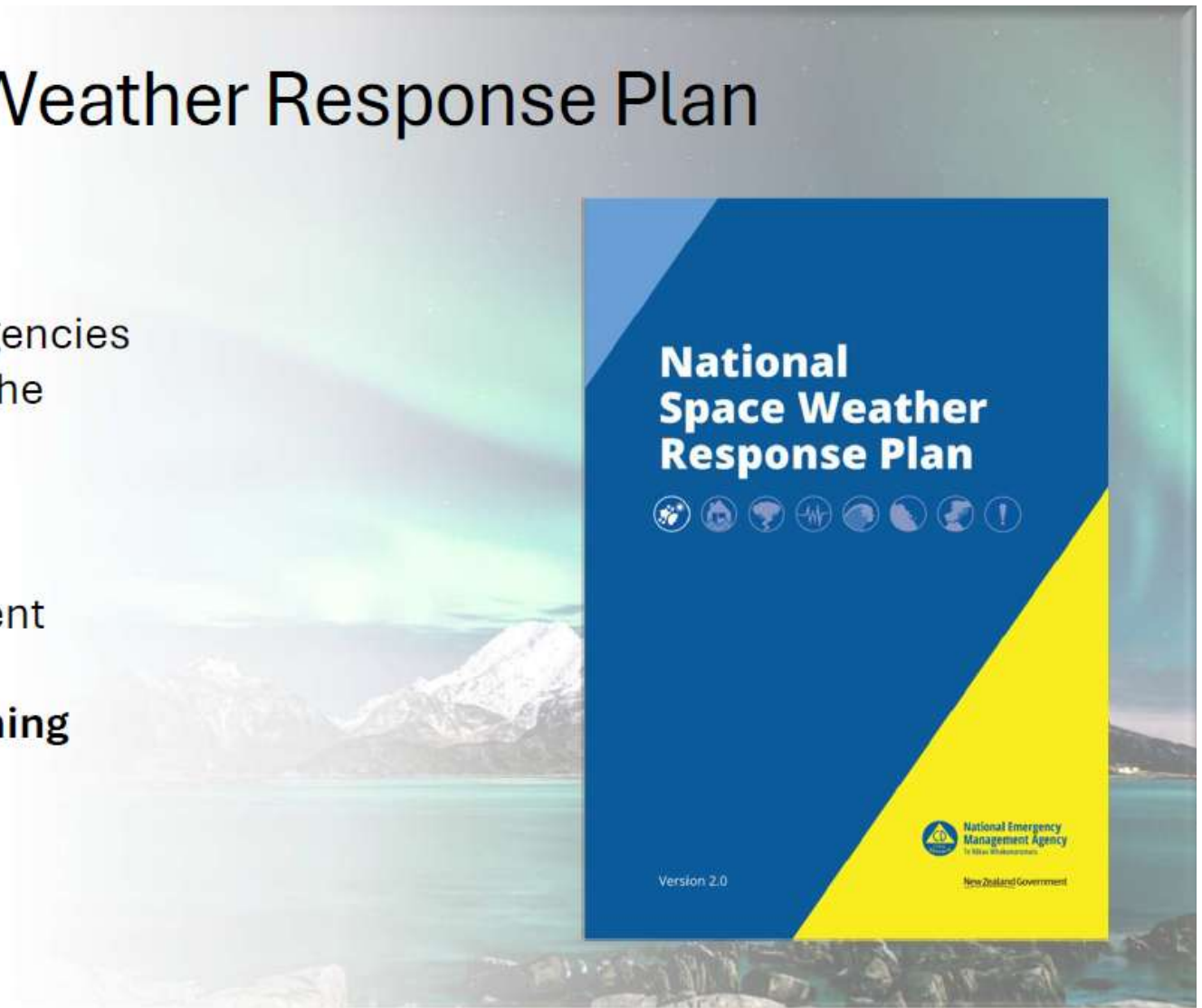
National Space Weather Response Plan

Scope

- National level
- Coordinates actions of agencies and stakeholders during the initial response phases.

Out of scope

- Consequence management
- Sector specific planning
- **Regional and local planning**



CDEM Readiness



- Regional risk assessments & consequence-based planning
 - e.g. Long Power Cut
- General 'Get Ready' education: public & personal preparedness
- Regional SOPs & BCPs

National Links: Liaise through REMAs





Thank you!!

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Strengthening Emergency Management in NZ

March 2025

In-confidence



National Emergency Management Agency
Te Rākau Whakamarumarū



Strengthening the Emergency Management System

- Government is committed to strengthening the emergency management system
- Two concurrent programmes of work:
 - 1. Emergency Management System Improvement Programme (EMSIP)**

Addressing operational capability and capacity via an investment and implementation Roadmap

Example: Operational Systems and facilities
 - 2. Emergency Management Bill**

Addressing the critical legislative levers, statutory roles and powers/functions for emergency management





Emergency Management System Improvement Programme - Phase 1

Phase 1 of EMSIP produced the [Government response to the Report of the Government Inquiry into the Response to the North Island Severe Weather Events](#)



- DPMC led
- Govt accepted all high-level recommendations
- 15 actions across five focus areas
- Wider scope and informed by
 - the NISWE Inquiry
 - other events, reviews and inquiries
- Set direction of travel
- Minister to report back in early 2025 with a “detailed investment and implementation roadmap”



EMSIP Phase 2

Phase 2 is to develop the [implementation and investment roadmap to deliver in the five focus areas](#) . Led by NEMA.



Whole of society approach



Support and enable local government



Build capability and capacity



Enable the system



Focus on delivery





EMSIP Phase 2

- Investment and Implementation Roadmap is looking at what and where can have the most impact in 5 -10 years
- **Very high-level**
- Setting direction of travel
- NEMA is developing recommendations for where the Government could invest
- Looking for in-principle decisions about the possible paths ahead
- Following slides recap what has already been shared





Overview – type of options

Focus Area 1

- Significant uplift in investment e.g. public readiness programmes, Resilience Fund + expand criteria, targeted outreach programmes
- Additional mechanisms and information to support communities, including an evidence base for investing
- Iwi/Māori and communities equipped and able to self mobilise prepare, respond and recover. Strengthened & leg changes to enable Iwi/Māori.

Focus Area 2

- Rolling refresh of National and Regional CDEM plans, inter -regional planning
- National standards-setting and assurance
- Enhanced technological solutions and focused into priority communities and modern warning system
- Significant uplift in regional support





Overview – type of options

Focus Area 3

- Define future system workforce, professional pathways, and the education and training system is defined
- Implement professional pathways, with legislation support and potential for funding support – prioritise statutory roles

Focus Area 4

- Expand and sustain the exercise programme
- Enhanced national recovery function/model
- Robust national emergency management system, technology, facilities and equipment, partnerships and assurance
- Options for alternative emergency management funding model





Emergency Management Bill

Government intends to introduce a [new EM Bill to replace the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002](#).

Objectives for the Bill are to:

1. strengthen participation of communities and iwi Māori in emergency management
 2. provide for clear responsibilities at national, regional, and local levels
 3. enable a higher minimum standard of emergency management
 4. minimise disruption to essential services
 5. ensure agencies have tools to do their jobs effectively when an emergency happens
- It will incorporate lessons and recommendations from submissions on the previous discharged bill, the NISWE Inquiry and other reviews.
 - Some straightforward matters from the previous Bill will be carried over to the new Bill.
 - There will be a public consultation phase on legislative reform.



Emergency Management Bill - Key issues of interest

Local Government Roles and Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improving legal clarity and certainty over local government roles and responsibilities (includes Information sharing topic).• Responsibilities held by Co-ordinating Executive Groups (CEGs)• Addressing any legal constraints or ambiguity which is holding back local authorities and CDEM Groups from achieving acceptable hazard management and emergency planning.
Central Government Roles and Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addressing ambiguity over leadership and coordination at regional and local levels when responding to a significant event for which a state of emergency has not been declared• Ensuring there is a mandate to address underperformance of those with statutory obligations across central, regional and local government
Community Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthening the involvement of iwi Māori in emergency management• Improving support to those with special or specific needs during emergency events• How volunteers and volunteer groups can assist, and how any involvement is managed and compensated
Planning	Purpose and expectations of the planning framework (and associated documents)
Emergency Powers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislative gaps and inconsistencies in the allocation of, and processes for using, emergency powers.• Financial compensation and liabilities associated with the use of emergency powers.