



**Wellington**  
**Local Emergency**  
**Management Plan**  
*April 2016*



## Amendments

The following is a table of amendments made to the Wellington EMPLAN as part of the annual review process.

<b>Part Number</b>	<b>Sub-Title</b>	<b>Change Required</b>	<b>LEMC Adoption Date</b>
One	Authority	Chair: Bryson Rees	12 April 2016
Three	Restricted Operational Information	SES Units: 68407860	12 April 2016
Three	Evacuation Centres, Activation and Capacity	Note: The Evacuation Centre accepts personal companion animals	12 April 2016
Three	Annexure F - Consequence Management Guides	Add : Electrical Failure	12 April 2016

EMPLAN to be reviewed annually.

## Part 1 – Administration

### Authority

The Wellington Local Emergency Management Plan (EMPLAN) has been prepared by the Wellington Local Emergency Management Committee in compliance with the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989.

#### **APPROVED**

12 April 2016

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**Chair**

**Bryson Rees - Local Emergency Management Committee**

Dated: 12 April 2016

#### **ENDORSED**

4 June 2015

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**Chair**

**Geoffrey McKechnie - Regional Emergency Management Committee**

Dated: 4 June 2015

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## Purpose

Details arrangements for, prevention of, preparation for, response to and recovery from emergencies within the Local Government Area(s) covered by this plan.

It encompasses arrangements for:

- emergencies controlled by combat agencies;
- emergencies controlled by combat agencies and supported by the Local Emergency Operations Controller (LEOCON);
- emergency operations for which there is no combat agency; and
- circumstances where a combat agency has passed control to the LEOCON.

## Objectives

The objectives of this plan are to:

- define participating organisation and Functional Area roles and responsibilities in preparation for, response to and recovery from emergencies;
- set out the control, co-ordination and liaison arrangements at the Local level;
- detail activation and alerting arrangements for involved agencies; and
- detail arrangements for the acquisition and co-ordination of resources.

## Scope

The plan describes the arrangements at Local level to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and also provides policy direction for the preparation of Sub Plans and Supporting Plans:

- Arrangements detailed in this plan are based on the assumption that the resources upon which the plan relies are available when required; and
- The effectiveness of arrangements detailed in this plan are dependent upon all involved agencies preparing, testing and maintaining appropriate internal instructions, and/or standing operating procedures.

## Principles

The following principles are applied in this plan:

- a) The Emergency Risk Management (ERM) process is to be used as the basis for emergency planning in New South Wales. This methodical approach to the planning process is to be applied by Emergency Management Committees at all levels.
- b) Responsibility for preparation, response and recovery rests initially at Local level. If Local agencies and available resources are not sufficient they are augmented by those at Regional level.
- c) Control of emergency response and recovery operations is conducted at the lowest effective level.
- d) Agencies may deploy their own resources from their own service from outside the affected Local area or Region if they are needed.
- e) The Local Emergency Operations Controller (LEOCON) is responsible, when requested by a combat agency, to co-ordinate the provision of resources support. EOCs would not normally assume control from a combat agency unless the situation can no longer be contained. Where necessary, this should only be done after consultation with the Regional Emergency Operations Controller (REOCON) and agreement of the combat agency and the appropriate level of control.
- f) Emergency preparation, response and recovery operations should be conducted with all agencies carrying out their normal functions wherever possible.
- g) Prevention measures remain the responsibility of authorities/agencies charged by statute with the responsibility.

## Test and Review Process

The Wellington Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) will review this Plan every three (3) years, or following any:

- activation of the Plan in response to an emergency;
- legislative changes affecting the Plan; and
- exercises conducted to test all or part of the Plan.



## Part 2 – Community Context

### Annexure A – Community Profile

#### General

The Wellington Council area is located within the Central West Slopes and Plains of New South Wales, with its major suburban centre of Wellington, located 362 kilometres north of Sydney at the junction of the Macquarie and Bell Rivers. The Wellington Council area is bounded by Warrumbungle Shire in the north, the Mid-Western Regional Council area in the east, the Cabonne Council area in the south, and Dubbo City in the west.

Our vibrant local community includes the villages of Elong Elong, Euchareena, Geurie, Mumbil and Stuart Town, each containing their own charm and specific significance. The Council area encompasses a total land area of about 4,100 square kilometres. Rural land is used primarily for agriculture, particularly sheep and cattle grazing, with some viticulture and tourism.

#### Landform and Topography

Nestled at the foothills of the Mt Arthur Reserve, on the banks of the Macquarie and Bell Rivers, Wellington is the second oldest town west of the Blue Mountains. The main water catchment region, to the east of the Council area, is Burrendong Dam.

In present day, agriculture is the key industry in the Wellington Local Government Area, with the steeper land to the east supporting mainly grazing activities and the gentle, undulating land to the west, supporting mainly cereal production.

Mining exploration activity is of continuing interest, with a number of “hard rock” mineral depots within the local government area.

#### Climate

Wellington experiences hot summer temperatures and has mild winter temperatures, with an average annual rainfall of 635 millimetres per year.



Average Monthly Temperature:

January	32°C	July	15°C
February	32°C	August	17°C
March	29°C	September	20°C
April	24°C	October	24°C
May	19°C	November	28°C
June	16°C	December	31°C

## Land Use

Land Use Zone / Type / Classification	Area	% of LGA
Rural Zones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Production</li> <li>• Forestry</li> <li>• Primary Production Small Lots</li> <li>• Village</li> </ul>		85%
Residential Zones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Residential</li> <li>• Low Density Residential</li> <li>• Large Lot Residential</li> </ul>		5%
Business Zones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Centre</li> <li>• Enterprise Corridor</li> </ul>		2.5%
Industrial Zones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Industrial</li> <li>• Light Industrial</li> </ul>		0.5%
Special Purpose Zones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure</li> <li>• Tourist</li> </ul>		1%
Recreation Zones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Recreation</li> <li>• Private Recreation</li> </ul>		2%
Environment Protection Zones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Parks and Nature Reserves</li> <li>• Environmental Conservation</li> <li>• Environmental Management</li> </ul>		1%
Waterway Zones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural Waterways</li> </ul>		3%

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## Population and People

### Count of Persons:

Males	4,427
Females	4,066
<i>Total:</i>	<i>8,493</i>

### Population Characteristics:

Indigenous	1,701
Australian born	7,515
Elsewhere born	466
Australian citizen	7,355

### Language Spoken at Home:

English only	7,474
Other language	156

### Motor Vehicles By Dwelling:

None	352
One motor vehicle	1,072
Two motor vehicles	1,012
Three or more motor vehicles	506
Number of motor vehicles not stated	122

## Dwelling Type/Structure:

Separate house	2,863
Semi-detached, row, terrace house	61
Flat, unit or apartment	107
Other dwelling	31
Tenure	
Owned outright	1,257
Owned with a mortgage	815
Rented	874
Other tenure type	23
Tenure type not stated	94

## Industry of Employment:

Farming/agriculture	459
School education	199
Public order and safety services	146
Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services	111
Local government administration	106

## Method of Travel to Work:

Car, as driver	1,739
Car, as passenger	204
Walked only	201
Truck	88
Other	27

## Transport Routes and Facilities

### State Highways:

- Golden Highway (SH 21)
- Mitchell Highway (SH 7)

### Regional Roads:

- Renshaw-McGirr Road (MR 233)
- Burrendong Way Road (MR 573)
- Gollan-Goolma Road (MR 7512)

### Railways and Railway Stations:

- Wellington Railway Station
- Western Line – Orange to Dubbo, through Wellington

### Bridges:

- Macquarie River Bridge
- Bell River Bridge – Neurea and Wellington
- Macquarie River Rail Bridge

### Airports:

- Bodangora Airstrip (Chartered Planes and Firefighting Re-loading).

## Economy and Industry

### Employment in the community is spread over many industries:

- Local Government
- Health (Hospitals, Aged Care, Medical Facilities)
- Farming
- Retail Shops and Restaurants
- Tourism – Caves Complex, Burrendong Dam and Other Waterways.

## Annexure B – Hazards and Risks Summary

A Local Emergency Risk Management (ERM) Study has been undertaken by the Wellington Local Emergency Management Committee identifying the following hazards as having risk of causing loss of life, property, utilities, services and/or the community's ability to function within its normal capacity. These hazards have been identified as having the potential to create an emergency. The Name Emergency Risk Management Study should be referenced to identify the complete list of consequences and risk descriptions.

Hazard	Risk Description	Likelihood Rating	Consequence Rating	Risk Priority	Combat / Responsible Agency
Fire (Bush or Grass)	Major fires in areas of bush or grasslands.	Likely	Moderate	High	NSW RFS FRNSW
Fire (Industrial)	Serious industrial fire in office complexes and/or warehouses within industrial estates.	Possible	Insignificant	Low	FRNSW NSW RFS
Fire (Commercial)	Serious commercial fires in shopping centres, aged persons units, nursing homes and hospitals.	Possible	Insignificant	Low	FRNSW NSW RFS
Fire (Residential)	Serious residential fire in medium/high rise apartments.	Possible	Insignificant	Low	FRNSW NSW RFS
Flood (Riverine)	River flows exceed the capacity of normal river systems resulting in flood waters escaping and inundating river plains.	Almost Certain	Minor	High	NSW SES

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Risk Description</b>	<b>Likelihood Rating</b>	<b>Consequence Rating</b>	<b>Risk Priority</b>	<b>Combat / Responsible Agency</b>
Hazardous Release	Hazardous material released as a result of an incident or accident.	Likely	Moderate	High	FRNSW
Storm	Severe storm with accompanying lightning, hail, wind, and/or rain that causes severe damage and/or localised flooding (includes tornado).	Likely	Moderate	High	NSW SES
Transport Emergency (Road)	A major vehicle accident that disrupts one or more major transport routes that can result in risk to people trapped in traffic jams, restrict supply routes and/or protracted loss of access to or from the area.	Likely	Moderate	High	NSW Police
Transport Emergency (Rail)	A major accident that results in environmental damage and major recovery operation.	Likely	Moderate	High	NSW Police John Holland Rail
Utilities Failure	Major failure of essential utility for unreasonable periods of time as a result of a natural or man-made occurrence.	Possible	Moderate	High	LEOCON Wellington Council

## Annexure C – Local Sub Plans, Supporting Plans and Policies

Responsibility for the preparation and maintenance of appropriate sub and supporting plans rest with the relevant Combat Agency Controller or the relevant Functional Area Coordinator.

The sub/supporting plans are developed in consultation with the Wellington LEMC and the community.

The plans listed below are supplementary to this EMPLAN. The sub/supporting plans have been endorsed by the LEMC and are determined as compliant and complimentary to the arrangements listed in this EMPLAN.

These plans are retained by the LEMO on behalf of the LEMC and public release versions are available on the Council Website.

<b>Plan/Policy</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Combat / Responsible Agency</b>
Emergency Operation Centre Plan (EOC) - Wellington	Opening of EOC	LEOCON
Bush Fire Management Plan – Orana Region	Bush Fires and Hazard Reduction across LGA	NSW Rural Fire Service
Flood Plan – Wellington	Floods in the Bell and Macquarie Rivers	NSW State Emergency Service
Bodangora Airstrip Emergency Plan	Incidents at Bodangora Airstrip	NSW Police