

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONSE – I-Responda



COUNCIL POLICY – Community Emergency Management Response – I-Responda

Reference Number	754331
Responsible Business Unit	Office of the CEO
Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Legislation	Local Government Act 1999 Emergency Management Act 2004
Relevant Delegations	Chief Executive Officer
Related Policies Management Guidelines Frameworks	Management Guidelines – i-Responda State Emergency Management Plan Murray Mallee Zone Emergency Plan
Link to Strategic Plan	Objective 4.2 – Effective Communication
Council resolution	67.3
Date Adopted	10 April 2017
Review Date	2021
Previous Revisions	12 October 2015-235.3;

POLICY STATEMENT

Council acknowledges its responsibilities under the Local Government Act to continue ordinary operations in extraordinary situations by providing support to Emergency Services in responding to an emergency under the i-Responda Framework and through assisting its Communities recovering from an emergency incident.

OBJECTIVES

The Rural City of Murray Bridge has delegated authority to its Chief Executive Officer to manage the provision of providing ordinary operations in extraordinary situations, based on the i-Responda framework and

- Joint Operating Guidelines prepared in conjunction with the Local Government Association and Emergency Services
- Participating in the Murray Mallee Zone Emergency Management Committee and associated Committees.
- Support to the Emergency Services in responding to an emergency.
- Providing support to adjoining Councils and/or the Local Government Functional Support Team as required subject to available resources.
- Restoring Council roads and infrastructure once the emergency is deemed over and the area is declared safe.
- Supporting the State Government during the Recovery phase.
- Providing appropriate support to landowners affected by the emergency
- Ensuring appropriate consideration is given by the Council to reducing the hazards associated with emergencies thereby mitigating risk.
- All costs associated in supporting emergency services and the Community will be borne by the Council unless disaster funds are available. A report will be prepared for Council indicating the costs associated with the support and will seek a budget variation to cover those costs.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all emergency service led events within the Rural City of Murray Bridge, adjoining Councils and Local Government Functional Support requests.

PRINCIPLES

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The Rural City of Murray Bridge will follow the i-Responda Framework developed through collaboration between the Local Government Association and the State Government (SAFEKOM).

IMPLEMENTATION

- The Chief Executive Officer will implement the i-Responda framework to ensure that all emergency response activities are undertaken within a consistent and robust risk assessment framework guiding practical decisions and actions as required by the Local Government Association Asset Mutual Fund, Local Government Association Workers Compensation Scheme and Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme.
- The Chief Executive Officer will have the ability to sub-delegate actions to be undertaken under the i-Responda Framework as appropriate.

COMMUNICATION

- Council recognises that information regarding the Emergency event will be provided by the Control Agency.
- Council recognises that Council will Command their own workers and assets and that Council will work within the incident Control expectation as exercised by the Control Agency while maintaining communication at all times.
- The Chief Executive Officer will inform the Council of information relating to emergency events within the Council area and when supporting adjoining Councils and/or the Local Government Functional Support Team, as appropriate