

BOOK LAUNCH

Challenging emergency and disaster policy.

Launch of The Handbook of Disaster and Emergency Policies and Institutions.



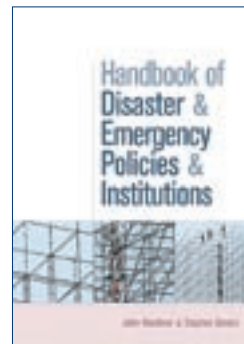
Prof Will Steffen, Director of the ANU's Fenner School, introduced Maj. Gen Howard who placed the book in its historical context and the two authors who each summarized some of the key challenges for disaster policy in the coming years.

The book's central premise is that emergencies and disasters are likely to challenge societies more in the future as vulnerability increases in the face of economic, demographic and global environmental change.

The publication offers a forward-looking and strategic view of the policy and institutional settings required to support operational emergency management.

The book will be reviewed in the next edition of the Australian Journal of Emergency Management.

On 10 April, Maj. Gen B.W. (Hori) Howard, AO, MC, ESM former Director General of EMA, Director General of the NSW State Emergency Service and Chair of the NSW State Emergency Management Committee and current Chair of the Australian Council of State Emergency Services of the Australian Emergency Management volunteer forum, launched Professors John Handmer and Stephen Dovers' new book entitled The Handbook of Disaster and Emergency Policies and Institutions at the Forestry Lecture Theatre at the Australian National University.



Handmer, J and Dovers, S. (2007) The Handbook of Disaster and Emergency Policies and Institutions, London: Earthscan. For further details and purchase information please see <http://www.earthscan.co.uk/?tabid=1020>.