

New consortium to deliver professional development products and services

The Australasian Fire and Emergency Services Authorities Council, Australian Red Cross and Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre will work together to deliver professional development products and services on behalf of Emergency Management Australia.

Collectively, this partnership represents a wide range of emergency management expertise from operational, humanitarian and research backgrounds. It will share and build on experience in emergency management drawn from Australia and overseas.

This change in delivery will allow for professional development products and services to be delivered in more flexible and contemporary ways, with a broader national reach.

Future products and services will build on those previously delivered by the Australian Emergency Management Institute to ensure there is greater access for emergency management practitioners, innovative solutions applied to address risks and gaps, and a wider range of delivery methods.

This partnership represents a great opportunity for industry and government to work together to enhance community resilience through the delivery of professional development courses and workshops, schools education program, knowledge management services, emergency management publications and volunteer support.

The collaborative partnership will be:

- informed by contemporary research and evidence-based learnings for the benefit of ongoing professional development in emergency management
- responsive to the demands of the emergency management sector and the broader community
- maintain a professional development pathway that is informed by research and experience and is flexible, innovative and accessible
- committed to reaching a broad range of stakeholders.

It is expected that the delivery of professional development products will commence in late 2015.

This new arrangement forms the first part of establishing a collaborative partnership between the Commonwealth Government and the emergency management sector to deliver both professional development and vocational education products and services.

The Attorney-General's Department has also approached the market to develop similar arrangements for the delivery of its emergency management vocational education products and services.

