



# ACT Multi Hazard Advisory Council Minutes

Date: 14 December 2022

Time: 4 pm – 7 pm

Location: ESA HQ, 9 Amberley Avenue Fairbairn, Webex

Attendance	
<b>Chair</b>	Sally Troy – Chair, ACT Multi Hazards Advisory Council
<b>Attendees</b>	Dylan Kendall – Deputy Chair, ACT Multi Hazards Advisory Council Tony Bartlett – Member John Brickhill – Member Len Morris – Member Asha Naznin – Member (online) Marta Yebra – Member
<b>Apologies</b>	Kylie Coe – Member
<b>Secretariat</b>	Natasha Andrade – ACT Emergency Services Agency

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional owners of the land on which the Council was meeting and, on behalf of the Council, paid her respects to the Ngunnawal Elders.

## 2. Finalisation of Advice on Community Resilience and Communications Arrangements

The council discussed the draft document *Community Resilience to Natural Disasters* and agreed on the recommendations in the report. Some further editing is required and the Council agreed that the use of sharepoint technology to work collaboratively on single documents had been very effective to date. Dr Marta Yebra had already provided a link to the document so that it could be edited collaboratively, and the Chair undertook to advise everyone in late January when it was ready for their review. The Council aims to finalise the document by 1 February 2023 and provide it to the Minister early in February 2023.

## 3. Finalisation of report on Status of Bushfire Management in the ACT and Communications Arrangements

The Council discussed the draft document *Report on ACT Bushfire Management since 2003* and agreed on all recommendations, and the document's final form and content. A draft media statement and letter to the Minister are to be prepared by the Chair and circulated for final comments before transmission of the package to the Minister on Friday, 16 December 2022. The Council agreed that the Chair and Dr Tony Bartlett would be proposed to the Minister as spokespersons to respond to media queries.

## 4. Finalisation of response on the Draft Territory Plan and Communications Arrangements

The Council discussed the input to the *Territory Planning System Review and Reform project*, noting that advice had already been provided to Mr Matthew Kamarul from the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate. Dr Yebra agreed to create a link to a shared version of the document and the Chair would advise members when the document was ready for members to provide input. The Council aims to finalise this advice and provide it to the Minister by end of 2022.



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## 5. Confirmation of Communique

The draft meeting communique was discussed and agreed.

On 14 December 2022, the Act Multi Hazard Advisory Council (formerly the ACT Bushfire Council) met to discuss and finalise its advice on ACT Bushfire management arrangements over the past 20 years, Community resilience to natural disasters in the ACT, and the Territory planning system review and reform process.

## 6. Any other business

The Council discussed its annual report and agreed that a short 2-page document would be prepared for the Minister, listing the documents that the Council had provided advice on and its other activities during the course of 2022. The Chair undertook to provide a draft of this report for collective input during the next week.

## 7. Meeting Close

The Chair thanked all members for their work during the year, thanked Tash-Eloise Andrade for her support of the Council, wished everyone a safe and peaceful festive season, and closed the meeting at 7pm.

Next meeting 1 February 2023 – ESA HQ, 9 Amberley Avenue Fairbairn