

# BLUE WATER REVIEW WORKING GROUP COMMUNIQUE

Meeting 27-29 September 2019

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## Key Matters

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The Working Group (WG) focussed on the development of the Implementation Plan to support their recommendations. The WG Implementation Plan is on track to be delivered to QFES in November 2019.

- **Capability Analysis and Risk Assessment**
  - The WG *completed* Capability mapping of the future vision with a key focus on interoperability between other Emergency Service units.
  - The WG *completed* a desktop assessment of physical Risk to units at a regional level.
  - A high-level Capability Analysis and Risk Assessment will form part of the Implementation Plan of the Vision.
- **The Implementation Plan of the Vision**
  - The WG defined a Mission Statement and Key Attributes of the Vision.
  - The WG began to structure the timeline for implementation for transition to the Vision.
  - There was considerable discussion about non-emergency maritime assistance programs and community expectations of these services.
- **Lessons Learned**
  - The WG welcomed Mr Mark Eatts, Manager Marine Services, Department of Fire and Emergency (Western Australia). Mr Eatts spoke to the WG about WA's transition to a single service and Lessons Learned. Frontline volunteers Rusty (from Exmouth) and Brad (from Cockburn) also spoke to the WG about their unit experiences during transition.
  - The WG welcomed Mr Stacey Tannos, Commissioner Marine Rescue New South Wales. Commissioner Tannos spoke to the WG about NSW's transition to a single service and Lessons Learned.
- **Risks**
  - The WG acknowledged the realisation of the risk that QFES' response to nearly 2000 bushfires has had minimal impact on the timeframes of the project but has reduced some external communications.
- **The Next WG Meeting**
  - Members of the WG supported an engagement session with volunteers on 13 October 2019, at Victoria Point.
  - The WG will complete multiple desktop reviews of the Implementation Plan prior to their next face-to-face meeting.
  - The WG will meet for the ninth and final time on the weekend of 9-10 November 2019 where they will finalise the Implementation Plan and conclude the tasks currently assigned to the WG.
  - Once complete, this document will be provided to the Commissioner QFES, and relevant advice provided to Government for decision making.

For additional information on the activities of the BWR WG please visit the [website](#) or email the WG via [BlueWaterReview@qfes.qld.gov.au](mailto:BlueWaterReview@qfes.qld.gov.au).