

Queensland Government Response to the Inspector-General of Emergency Management's reports titled '2025 Significant Weather Events Summary Report' (Summary Report); 'North and Far North Queensland Tropical Low and Associated Flooding (29 January – 28 February 2025) Event Report'; 'Tropical Cyclone Alfred and Associated Severe Weather (1 March – 16 March 2025) Event Report'; and 'Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Flooding (21 March – 19 May 2025) Event Report'

On 22 May 2025, the Minister for Police and Emergency Services tasked the Inspector-General of Emergency Management (IGEM) with conducting a review of the following significant weather events that impacted Queensland between January and May 2025:

- North and Far North Queensland Tropical Low and Associated Flooding (North Queensland Floods);
- Tropical Cyclone Alfred and Associated Severe Weather (TC Alfred); and
- The Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Flooding (Western Queensland Floods).

IGEM undertook the review to assess preparedness and response activities of entities. The review aligned to the Standard for Disaster Management in Queensland and provided reports for each of the three severe weather events experienced. A Summary Report was also provided which made six recommendations derived from the findings and observations from the three event reports.

The recommendations and Government response to the recommendations are as follows:

| Recommendation | Government response |
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| Recommendation 1: The Inspector-General of Emergency Management recommends that the secretariats of the Queensland Disaster Management Committee (QDMC) and the State Disaster Coordination Group (SDCG) consult with their respective Chairs to extend in-person invitations to senior representatives from telecommunications entities to attend QDMC and SDCG to brief and participate in intra-agency planning in future disaster events. | Accepted. |
| Recommendation 2: The Inspector-General of Emergency Management recommends that the Department of Primary Industries lead a discussion with relevant stakeholders to establish a framework for the procurement of, and distribution of fodder during disasters. | Accepted. |
| Recommendation 3: The Inspector-General of Emergency Management recommends that the Queensland Police Service convene a meeting with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and other state entities deploying aviation assets to disaster operations (e.g. Queensland Reconstruction Authority, Queensland Fire Department, Department of Primary Industries, Energy Queensland, Local Government Association of Queensland etc), to discuss air operations in uncontrolled airspace and complex environments to determine what 'safe practice' looks like, as well as 'good practice'. | Accepted. |
| Recommendation 4: The Inspector-General of Emergency Management recommends that the Queensland Reconstruction Authority lead a multi-agency discussion on the appropriate duration of community self-sufficiency in the context of emerging disaster risks. | Accepted. |
| Recommendation 5: The Inspector-General of Emergency Management recommends that the Office of the Inspector-General of Emergency Management is involved in consultation prior to the finalisation of the government action plan, to align intended actions with the intent of the recommendations. | Noted. |
| Recommendation 6: The Inspector-General of Emergency Management recommends that the review reports be returned to the Office of the Inspector-General of Emergency Management to monitor, evaluate and report on progress and implementation of the recommendations that are accepted in whole or in part by government. | Noted. |

The Queensland Police Service, the Department of Primary Industries, and the Queensland Reconstruction Authority have programs of work and activities in progress which will address or contribute to addressing issues identified in the review. These agencies remain committed to working closely with all stakeholders to ensure the continued enhancement of the disaster management arrangements.