



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Important Information regarding disaster response and recovery in South Australia

STATE DISASTER

In SA a major disaster that has wide scale impact on surrounding communities will result in a state government response. When this occurs the SA State Emergency Management Plan (SEMP) will be implemented and the Functional Support Groups, each with their participating organisations, will be deployed to implement response and recovery.

The church's response in this instance will therefore be subject to the SEMP and could include practical support, with prior consultation and arrangement, to any of the existing Functional Support Groups or participating organisations depending on each church's resources. Spiritual support is covered under the 'Emergency Relief' Functional Support Group, through Disaster and Recovery Ministries SA. Therefore, all Chaplaincy Australia Chaplains in SA need to be accredited with Disaster & Recovery Ministries SA before they can be deployed in a state declared disaster.

For further information please see:

<https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/responsibilities/security-and-emergency-management/state-emergency-management-plan>

<https://dhs.sa.gov.au/services/disaster-recovery>

LOCAL DISASTER

For smaller incidents the church can mobilise planned procedures as arranged in consultation with the ACC, local council, local service groups and/or emergency services. In this situation there could possibly be a wider scope to assist.

Optional Guide

Community needs that we can meet	Who do we need to collaborate with	Mutually agreed resources to implement