

## **Annex A – Glossary**

### **Reduction**

Activities that reduce the degree of long-term risk to human life and property arising from natural and man made hazards. Identifying and analysing long term risks to human life and property from natural and man made hazards; taking steps to eliminate these risks not reducing the likelihood and magnitude of their impact.

### **Readiness**

Activities that develop operational capabilities for responding to an emergency.

### **Response**

Activities taken immediately before, during or directly after an emergency that can save lives, minimize property damage, or improve recovery.

### **Recovery**

Activities that stabilize the affected community and assure that life support systems are operational, and longer term actions for community rehabilitation and restoration. This restoration needs to have a Reduction focus. It is important that the same hazard vulnerable community is not rebuilt.

### **Act**

The Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.

### **Civil Defence Emergency Management Group**

Means a Group established under section 12 of the Act Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 and for the purpose of this constitution refers to the local authority defined area and resources of the Chatham Islands and further.

### **CDEM Group**

Is also the name of the Group of elected representatives formed to provide the governance for emergency management in the Chatham Islands?

### **Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG)**

Means a Committee established under Section 20 the Act.

### **Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan**

A Plan prepared and approved under Section 45, the Act.

### **Community**

The Community refers to the entire Chatham Islands and Pitt Island, its population, infrastructure, volunteers, non-government organization's and resources.

### **Communities**

Refers to individual townships or geographical areas as defined in this Plan and their population, infrastructure and resources.

### **Emergency**

Is the result of any happening, whether natural or otherwise, including, without limitation, any explosion, earthquake, tsunami, land movement, flood, storm, tornado, cyclone, serious fire, leakage or spillage of any dangerous gas or substance,

technological failure, infestation, plague, epidemic, failure of or disruption to an emergency service or a lifeline utility, or actual or imminent attack or warlike act.

Causes or may cause loss of life or injury or illness or distress or in any way endangers the safety of the public or property.

Cannot be dealt with by emergency services, or otherwise requires a significant and co-ordinated response under this Act.

### **Emergency Management Office**

The office within Council that has the responsibility for emergency management.

### **Emergency Response Co-ordinator**

The Council officer that is responsible for all the activities that occur in and services provided by the Emergency Management Office.

### **Emergency Operation Centre**

An established facility where the response to an event may be supported and managed.

### **Emergency Services**

Means the Police, Fire Service, National Rural Fire, Hospital and Health Services.

### **The Group**

Means a Group of elected representatives established under Section 12 of the Act.

### **Controller**

Means a person appointed as the Local Controller under Section 26, of the Act.

### **Group Recovery Manager**

Means a person appointed by the Group to act as Recovery Manager. The function can be performed after an Adverse Event i.e. non-declared event or a after a declared event.

### **Hazard**

Something that may cause, or contribute substantially to the impact of an emergency.

### **Levels of Emergency**

To clarify responsibilities the Group recognizes 5 Tiers of emergencies:

### **Recovery Activities**

Means activities carried out under the Act or any civil defence emergency management plan after an emergency occurs, including, without limitation:

- a. The assessment of the needs of a community affected by the emergency; and
- b. The co-ordination of resources made available to the community; and
- c. Actions relating to community rehabilitation and restoration; and new measures to reduce hazards and risks.

### **Risk**

Is the relationship between likelihood/probability and consequences.

## **Abbreviations**

<b>CDEM</b>	Civil Defence Emergency Management
<b>CEO</b>	Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
<b>CEG</b>	Co-ordinating Executive Group
<b>CIMS</b>	Co-ordinated Management System
<b>EMO</b>	Emergency Management Office
<b>EOC</b>	Emergency Operations Centre
<b>HSTLC</b>	Hazardous Substance Technical Liaison Committee
<b>LTCCP</b>	Long-term Community Consultation Plan
<b>MAF</b>	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry
<b>MCDEM</b>	Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management
<b>PRFO</b>	Principal Rural Fire Officer