Hi All,

Please see Cardinia submission via email below. Please note from Cardinia has now advised she will be putting something on letterhead (for the public submission process) to the effect of supporting the MAV submission. She expects this to be completed tomorrow.

Will advise when I hear/get anything further however we can at least process the small bits of feedback provided below as part of the current spreadsheet work.

many thanks
Good afternoon

As per our phone conversation I wish to advise Cardinia Shire Council feels accurately represented through the MAV response to LGV on the Councils and emergencies direction paper. Cardinia emergency management staff were able to attend one of the MAV and LGV sessions. A meeting within Council was then held to work through the directions paper.

Inline with the sessions facilitated by MAV, Council felt there was some ambiguity in the blue tasks within the 154 tasks and responsibilities. Council supports the MAV recommendations on page 7 of the MAV response document in relation to these tasks. Cardinia was also supported the MAV feedback that funding needs to support the tasks required. Of interest from our perspective was the maturity model which we support to allow for varying levels of resources within Victorian Councils.

If you do not mind I will provide a little additional feedback from the MAV response that stands out to me while I have the time to revisit.
19 May 2017

Emergency Capacity and Capability
Local Government Victoria
2 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne  VIC

Dear [Name],

Re: Councils and Emergencies direction paper

Thank you for the opportunity for Cardinia Shire Council to provide feedback on the above direction paper.

Cardinia Council has had the opportunity to review the directions paper and attend some workshops arranged by MAV and LGV. I wish to advise that further to my email of last week Cardinia Council supports the MAV submission into the Councils and Emergencies directions paper.

Cardinia looks forward to contributing to the broader emergency capacity and capability project. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on [Contact Number].

Yours sincerely,
MAV Response

There continues to be strong support within the sector for leading relief and recovery at the local level, although concerns about the current funding and reimbursement arrangements were raised in all consultation sessions. — Cardinia support this view

There also continues to be support for facilitating all-hazard planning, and councils are eagerly awaiting the introduction of the proposed Planning Bill which should address the issue that Municipal Emergency Management Plans (MEMPs) are considered council plans, instead of being recognised as multi-agency plans for the municipality. The planning bill will support Councils to have more parties at the planning table. Presently a number agencies attend MEMPCs but there are gaps which are often hard to fill. Page 17, 2.3 – Council supports this view

D130. Coordinate remediation and stabilisation works on public and private land
Comment: Councils are only responsible for these works on council land. While some councils may have played a coordination role for public/private land remediation in the past, or may have undertaken some works as a Committee of Management or on behalf of the relevant agency, this should not be listed as a council responsibility.

D149. Provide access to short, medium and long term housing options
Comment: The MAV understands that this wording aligns with the Victorian Preparedness Framework. There is room for misinterpretation in the language used. While councils provide emergency shelter through relief centres, and may support displaced community members to identify longer term housing options, it has never been a council role to provide housing options.

D150. Assess and deliver financial re-establishment assistance
Comment: The MAV understands that some councils have undertaken this role on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) when DHHS has been unable to do so; it is not a council responsibility. Council supports these statements

As I mentioned on the phone, I am sorry we were not able to put in a more ‘polished’ response. I appreciate the opportunity to seek Cardinia’s feedback. If you would like to discuss further please contact me.
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