



PYRENEES SHIRE COUNCIL FEEDBACK TO THE LGV ON THE:

**‘COUNCILS AND
EMERGENCIES DIRECTIONS
PAPER’**

1. Introduction

This document is a response to an invitation from LGV to provide feedback on whether the **current** emergency management responsibilities and actions described in the 'Councils and Emergencies Directions Paper' accurately describe what we do in the Pyrenees Shire. The risks each council in Victoria face vary with the biggest differences being between rural and urban municipalities. Pyrenees is a small rural municipality with a rich history of emergencies, particularly with natural events such as flood and fire.

The Pyrenees Shire Council agrees (in part or fully) with the majority of the responsibilities and actions described in the 'Councils and Emergencies Directions Paper' (even though the rating of some of those responsibilities as a legislative requirement is questionable), there are some changes we would like to make. This submission responds to the listed capabilities and responsibilities by exception. That means what is already in the paper that Pyrenees doesn't fully agree with is modified (in bold italic font) to reflect our current responsibilities and arrangements.

2. Core Capabilities

Core Capability	When	Description
Critical Transport	(ADD) After	<i>Clear and restore damaged local roads. Provide input on alternate local road routes.</i>
Health Protection	(ADD) Before	<i>Develop plans, procedures and conduct training exercises for public health risk events such as pandemics, extreme heat events as well as identifying vulnerable people in the community.</i>
Relief assistance	(ADD) Before	<i>Develop plans, procedures and conduct training exercises.</i>
Environmental Response	(ADD) After	<i>Working in partnership with Agriculture Victoria, support non-primary producers with the animal welfare requirements of their animals.</i>
Natural and Cultural Rehabilitation	(ADD) Before	<i>Create a register of all the natural and cultural heritage resources to provide an assessment checklist after an emergency.</i>
Fire Management and Suppression	(MODIFY) Before	<i>Implement fire risk reduction activities and provide resources to support firefighting capabilities etc</i>
Social Recovery	(ADD) Before	<i>Develop plans, procedures and conduct training exercises.</i>
Assurance and Learning	(ADD) Before	<i>Prepare debriefing procedures and arrangements for Council teams and their staff.</i>

2. Current Responsibilities and Actions

2.1 Planning

(ADD) After

13. *Prepare recovery implementation plans, in partnership with relevant agencies, after the impact assessments have been conducted.*

2.2 Operational Management

Before

37. **Facilitate** response, relief and recovery **training** activities and participate in those lead by agencies and other councils.

After

62. **Support agencies** to coordinate animal welfare **for non-primary producers** within council resources.

2.3 Fire Management and Suppression

Before and During

86. Meeting the costs of providing, marking and maintaining all fire plugs in the municipality. *(delete installing)*

2.4 Relief Assistance

(ADD) Before

113. *Develop plans and arrangements which provide for the special needs of the young and the elderly.*

After

118. *When a protracted event*, inform the community about financial hardship assistance payments.

2.5 Natural and Cultural Rehabilitation

After

128. Restore local cultural heritage sites on **council managed public land**.

2.6 Built Recovery

Before

133. Identify community needs and priorities **of** the built environments **on private and public lands** including essential services, commercial and industrial facilities, public buildings, assets and housing.

