

# OUR PLAN FOR DISASTER READINESS

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The Nationals WA will establish the WA Resilience & Recovery Authority (WARRA), a dedicated agency to ensure communities impacted by disaster can rebuild, recover and reconnect as soon as possible.

## PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

WARRA will serve as the cornerstone of our disaster readiness strategy, with the following key objectives:



Coordinating disaster recovery efforts to ensure timely and efficient distribution of resources.



Building resilience capacity at the local, regional, and state levels through proactive risk mitigation strategies.



Streamlining access to recovery funding and information to facilitate efficient recovery processes.



Providing dedicated long-term recovery support to alleviate the burden on Local Government and community groups.



Facilitating collaboration between government agencies and community stakeholders to optimize recovery efforts.

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## OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK

WARRA will operate independently from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), focusing solely on long-term recovery and resilience-building initiatives. It will adopt an all-hazards approach to address a wide range of potential disasters.

**Functions and Responsibilities:** The core functions of WARRA will include leading the long-term recovery effort, take the lead in administering disaster recovery funding, providing guidance and support to communities, and collaborating with relevant stakeholders.

**Rationale and Justification:** The establishment of WARRA is imperative to ensure timely and effective recovery, enhance resilience, streamline coordination, improve accountability, and deliver economic benefits through investments in resilience-building measures.

**Implementation Plan:** The first step in establishing the WARRA so it can step up in the wake of disaster, is ensuring the challenges and errors in previous recoveries aren't repeated. This is too important to get wrong, so we'll audit the recovery efforts from events such as Tropical Cyclone Seroja.

**Budget and Funding:** An estimated budget of \$30 million per year is proposed to support staffing, operational costs, and resilience-building initiatives, with funding sources including existing DFES budgets, Commonwealth grants, and other sources.

**By localising and prioritising recovery functions, we are paving the way for a safer and more resilient future for all.**



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