



**City of
Ipswich**

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City of Ipswich **Disaster Management Policy**

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1. Statement

Council is committed to promoting a resilient community that can prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from the impacts of disaster which includes a focus on the needs of the community’s most vulnerable persons.

2. Purpose and Principles

This policy guides Council by providing principles for discharging its responsibilities under the *Disaster Management Act 2003* (‘the Act’) and the *Disaster Management Regulation 2014*.

The Act provides that local governments should primarily be responsible for managing disaster events in their local government area (section 4A(c)). Accordingly, Council:

- a) Undertakes its disaster management responsibilities in a way that complies with the various legislative and state instruments, including but not limited to the:
 - i. Standards for Disaster Management, issued pursuant to section 16N of the Act
 - ii. Disaster Management Strategic Policy Statement issued by the Queensland Government
 - iii. State Disaster Management Plan issued pursuant to section 49 of the Act
 - iv. Queensland Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery Disaster Management Guideline, issued pursuant to section 63 of the Act
 - v. Queensland Disaster Management Training Framework issued in accordance with section 16A(c) of the Act
 - vi. City of Ipswich Local Disaster Management Plan – a plan for the City of Ipswich, all agencies, all hazards and issued in accordance with section 57 of the Act
- b) Promotes and supports a comprehensive approach to disaster management which holistically incorporates prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.
- c) Promotes and supports individual and community resilience in accordance with the United Nations Sendai Framework for Disaster Reduction 2015-2030; the National Disaster Resilience Strategy; and the Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience 2017. This includes enabling and promoting the community to support itself and each

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other, as they are often best placed to identify and with support, reduce their vulnerability.

- d) Disaster operations and the management of emergency situations will be conducted under the direction of the appointed Local Disaster Coordinator (LDC) or Deputy Local Disaster Coordinator (DLDC) or delegate, for example the Local Recovery Coordinator (LRC).

3. Strategic Plan Links

This policy aligns with the following iFuture 2021-2026 Corporate Plan theme/s:

- Safe, Inclusive and Creative
- Natural and Sustainable
- A Trusted and Leading Organisation

4. Regulatory Authority

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2014
Disaster Management Act 2003
Disaster Management Regulation 2014

5. Human Rights Commitment

Ipswich City Council (Council) has considered the human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld)* (the Act) when adopting and/or amending this policy. When applying this policy, Council will act and make decisions in a way that is compatible with human rights and give proper consideration to a human right relevant to the decision in accordance with the Act.

6. Scope

This policy applies to all councillors, council staff, contractors, and others that act on Council's behalf to ensure they work in accordance with the policy principles and in accordance with the relevant legislation.

7. Roles and Responsibilities

Role	Responsibility
City of Ipswich Local Disaster Management Group	The City of Ipswich Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) is a multi-organisational group established in accordance with section 29 of the Act to assist council with disaster management. The functions of the LDMG are outlined in section 30 of the Act.
City of Ipswich Local Recovery and Resilience Group	The City of Ipswich Local Recovery and Resilience Group (LRG) is a multi-organisational subgroup of the LDMG and authorised by the LDMG. Its functions are outlined in the Local Disaster Management Plan.
Chairperson, City of Ipswich LDMG	The chairperson is an elected representative appointed in accordance with the Act and by resolution of Council to manage the business of the LDMG. The functions of the Chairperson are outlined section 34 of the Act.

