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# D Emergency management sector overview

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### **Attachment tables**

There are no Emergency management sector overview attachment tables throughout this Indigenous Compendium.

The Emergency management sector overview in the *Report on Government Services 2013* (2013 Report) provides contextual and cross-sector information relating to emergency management in Australia.

This sector overview provides an introduction and the policy context for the government services reported in ‘Fire and ambulance services’ (chapter 9) by providing an overview of the emergency management sector.

### **Cross-cutting and interface issues**

Emergency management policies need also to consider how government services cut across populations and communities with special needs. The Standing Council on Police and Emergency Management’s terms of reference emphasise that cross-cutting issues such as Indigenous disadvantage, access to services, gender equality, and inclusion for people with disability, as well as the specific needs of regional Australia should to be taken into account in pursuing its priority issues of national significance (COAG 2012).

The development of the National Emergency Management Strategy for Remote Indigenous Communities was initiated by the Australian Emergency Management Committee in 2004 (RICAC 2007). The finalised strategy has been endorsed by the Augmented Australasian Police Ministers’ Council (now the Standing Council on

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Police and Emergency Management). The strategy aims to improve the disaster resilience of remote Indigenous communities.

### **Indigenous data in the Emergency management sector overview**

The Emergency management sector overview in the 2013 Report contains no specific data items on Indigenous Australians.

### **References**

COAG (Council of Australian Governments) 2012, *Standing Council on Police and Emergency Management: Terms of Reference*, [www.ag.gov.au/Committeesandcouncils/Ministerialcouncils/Pages/StandingCouncilonPoliceandEmergencyManagement.aspx](http://www.ag.gov.au/Committeesandcouncils/Ministerialcouncils/Pages/StandingCouncilonPoliceandEmergencyManagement.aspx) (cited 1 Nov 2012)

RICAC (Remote Indigenous Communities Advisory Committee) 2007, *Keeping our mob safe: National emergency management strategy for remote Indigenous communities*, Commonwealth of Australia, Canberra.