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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 2015* (2015 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 to consider how government services address populations and communities with special needs. The National Strategy for Disaster Resilience recognises that the needs of vulnerable communities should be considered in developing emergency management plans and programmes. The Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee (ANZEMC) has also identified the resilience of vulnerable sections of society (including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, children and youth, the elderly and people with disability) as a priority area for action (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) and endorsed by the then Augmented Australasian Police Ministers’

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Council. The strategy aims to improve the disaster resilience of remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander data in the Emergency management sector overview**

The Emergency management sector overview in the 2015 Report contains no specific data items on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

### **References**

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