1. Over the course of 22 February 2022 to 7 March 2022, South East Queensland experienced a significant rainfall and flooding event. Intense rainfall led to flash flooding and riverine flooding across large areas of South East Queensland and the Sunshine Coast.
2. It is estimated that approximately one-tenth of the state’s total population were directly affected in some way. Tragically 13 people lost their lives during the event. The event placed considerable and complex demands on emergency services and disaster management stakeholders.
3. On 15 March 2022, the Premier and Minister for the Olympics announced the Office of the Inspector-General of Emergency Management (IGEM) would undertake a review of the South East Queensland (SEQ) Rainfall and Flooding Event in February-March 2022 (the Review).
4. The Review acknowledges that steps have been made to identify risks and educate communities but suggests that further work needs to be done by entities and communities to ensure there is a shared understanding of the flood risks in Queensland. A large focus of the Review and its recommendations relate to the use of warnings and alerts for the community.
5. The Review found that information flow and cooperation during the event was good and that Queensland disaster management entities on the whole have a culture of sharing knowledge, information and resources such as staff and equipment. However, the Review identified that there is opportunity to enhance systems connectivity and interoperability to support incident management and provide relevant agencies with a common operating picture.
6. There are 19 recommendations, 13 recommendations are directed at Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, one recommendation for the Queensland Reconstruction Authority and the Bureau of Meteorology, three for local governments, one recommendation for the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water and one recommendation that the Office monitor, evaluate and report on progress and implementation for those recommendations that are accepted in whole or part by Government.
7. Cabinet noted the report of the review undertaken by the Inspector-General of Emergency Management ‘South East Queensland Rainfall and Flooding Event February-March 2022 Review Report 1: 2022-23’ and it’s public release.
8. Cabinet approved the Queensland Government Response to the South East Queensland Rainfall and Flooding Event February-March 2022 Review Report 1: 2022-23 and its public release.
9. *Attachments*:
* [Queensland Government Response to the South East Queensland Rainfall and Flooding Event February-March 2022 Review Report 1: 2022-23](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2022/Sep/QGRespSEQRainfall/Attachments/Response.PDF)
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