

National Health Emergency Management Standing Committee (NHEMS)

NHEMS operates within the following terms of reference:

- advising and making recommendations to AHPPC on national approaches to health preparedness for natural and man-made disasters (deliberate or accidental);
- undertaking specific tasks as requested by AHPPC;
- creating an opportunity for shared learning across jurisdictions;
- advising and making recommendations to AHPPC on the coordination of response to emergencies of national or international consequence;
- advising AHPPC on national activities and strengthening health emergency management capacity and capability; and
- contributing to national AUSMAT policy.

Membership

**there is currently no Chair or Deputy Chair*

Core Members

Australian Government

- Department of Health
 - Ms Rhonda Owen
- Principal Medical Adviser, Health, Office of Health Protection
 - Dr Gary Lum
- Principal Medical Adviser, Health, Primary Care and Mental Health Division
 - Dr Andrew Singer
- Australian Defence Force *
- Department of Home Affairs - Emergency Management Australia (HA EMA)
 - Mr Joe Buffone

State and Territory Governments

- Western Australia
 - Mr John Heslop – WA Health
- Northern Territory
 - Prof Di Stephens – NT Health
- Queensland
 - A/Prof Peter Aitken – QLD Health
- New South Wales
 - Dr Gary Tall – NSW Ambulance
- Australian Capital Territory
 - Mr Rhian Blackwell - ACT Health

- Victoria
 - Ms Andrea Spiteri – VIC Health
- Tasmania
 - Mr Duncan Jones
- South Australia
 - Mr Paul McGowan

National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre (NCCTRC)

- Director Disaster Medical NCCTRC *

New Zealand Ministry of Health

- New Zealand Health Representative *

Council of Ambulance Authorities (CAA)

- Mr Justin Dunlop

**no current member*

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