Stakeholder Engagement Workshop

National Exposure Information System (NEXIS)

23 – 24 November 2009

Background & Aim

Fundamental to an understandng and management of risk is reliable information about what is exposed to natural hazards and threats. Exposure includes people, buildings, business activity and critical infrastructure. Geoscience Australia (GA) has undertaken the development of the National Exposure Information System (NEXIS) which is a significant national capability to provide reliable and up-to-date information for decision makers. NEXIS collects, collates, manages and provides the information required to assess community exposure, impacts and risk. Presently the capability consistently defines national residential and business exposure using a largely statistical approach with information aggregated at buildings level. The exposure information is derived from the best available datasets and includes a broad range of useful information fields. Progressively this information is transitioning to more specific information in collaboration with a range of data custodians. Furthermore, the capability is being extended to institutional buildings (schools, hospitals, government buildings, emergency assets etc.) and infrastructure assets. Alignment of future development to the needs of stakeholders is vital.

This NEXIS stakeholder engagement workshop is aimed at:-

- reviewing the current NEXIS capability, the information gaps and utilisation by stakeholders;
- expanding the scope of this national capability to support evidence based decision making;
- broadening the engagement of state government, local government and other data custodians;
- obtaining the perspective of current and potential stakeholders on their current and future information needs and opportunities; and,
- promotion of the best use of information.

Venue

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Program

Day One **23 November 2009**

10:10 **Registration & Morning Tea**
10:30 **Opening session**
Chris Pigram, a/g CEO

10:40 **Session 1 – RIAG – NEXIS Activities**
Chair / Moderator : Mark Edwards, GA
Presentation 1 (RIAG Projects) – John Schneider, GA
Presentation 2 (Real-time Warning) - Dan Jaksa, GA
Presentation 3 (NEXIS) - Krishna Nadimpalli, GA

Questions and Discussion (facilitated by Chair)

12:15 **Lunch**

13:00 **Session 2 – Emergency Management**
Chair : Rob Colless, EICU
Presentation 4 – David Prestipino, EMA
Presentation 5 – Elliot Simmons, SES, NSW
Presentation 6 – Sue Hunt, FAHCSIA

Breakout Session and Reporting (60mins)

15:00 **Afternoon Tea**

15:20 **Session 3 – Socio-Economic Resilience**
Chair : Denis Waters, GA
Presentation 7 – Robyn Betts, Dept of Justice, VIC
Presentation 8 – Rachael Dempsey, MDBA
Presentation 9 - Penelope-Jane Fry, Rockhampton Regional Council
Breakout Session and Reporting (60mins)

17:40 **Close for the day**

19:00 **Dinner**
(The Deck, Regatta Point)

Day Two 24 November 2009

8:40 **Session 4 –CC Adaptation**
Chair : TBA
Presentation 10 – Catherine Farrell, DCC
Presentation 11 – Prof Ron Cox, NCCARF
Presentation 12 – Jenny Rigby, DSE, Victoria

Breakout Session and Reporting (50mins)

10:30 **Morning Tea**

10:50 **Session 5 – Built Environment**
Chair : Austin Ley, Melbourne City Council
Presentation 13 – Brian Ashe, Australian Building Codes Board
Presentation 14 – Richard Thornton, CRC - Bushfire
Presentation 15 TBA

Breakout Session and Reporting (60mins)

12:30 **Lunch**

13:15 **Summary & Outcomes**
Chair : Trevor Jones, GA

14:30 **Workshop Close**