



Australian Council for State Emergency Services

Strategic Plan 2012- 2017

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Message from the Chair

The Australian Council for State Emergency Services (ACSES) was established in 1995. Since its formation it has contributed significantly to developing professional networks across Australia, promoting the national SES brand and improving standards, capabilities and training of its members.

The role and expectations on emergency service organisations is changing. In the coming years emergency services will need to consider new challenges such as reducing the impacts from flooding, storms and extreme weather, enhancing emergency management capabilities and improving levels of community resilience.

As community and government expectations for emergency services continue to evolve ACSES will have an important role in leading the professionalism of emergency services and ensuring that all members have the capabilities to tackle these contemporary challenges.

Importantly ACSES will continue to develop its relationship with other appropriate forums and organisations such as AFAC and to ensure issues relevant to emergency services are considered.

This Strategic Plan outlines how over the next five years ACSES will contribute to making emergency services organisation across Australia leaders in their profession.

Chair
Australian Council Emergency Services

Our Values

Volunteerism

We value the importance of volunteerism within emergency services and strive to ensure that volunteers are appropriately recognised and supported.

Professionalism

We strive to improve the professionalism of all State Emergency Service organisations and members through improved training, equipment and capabilities.

Community Engagement

We value working in partnership with the community and increasing the community's resilience to hazards and emergencies.

Leadership

We strive to be respected leaders and develop future leaders through influencing the national agenda and sharing ideas.

Partnerships

The best outcomes are achieved by working together in partnership with communities, governments and industries for mutual benefit and building respect, support and trust.

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Our Purpose

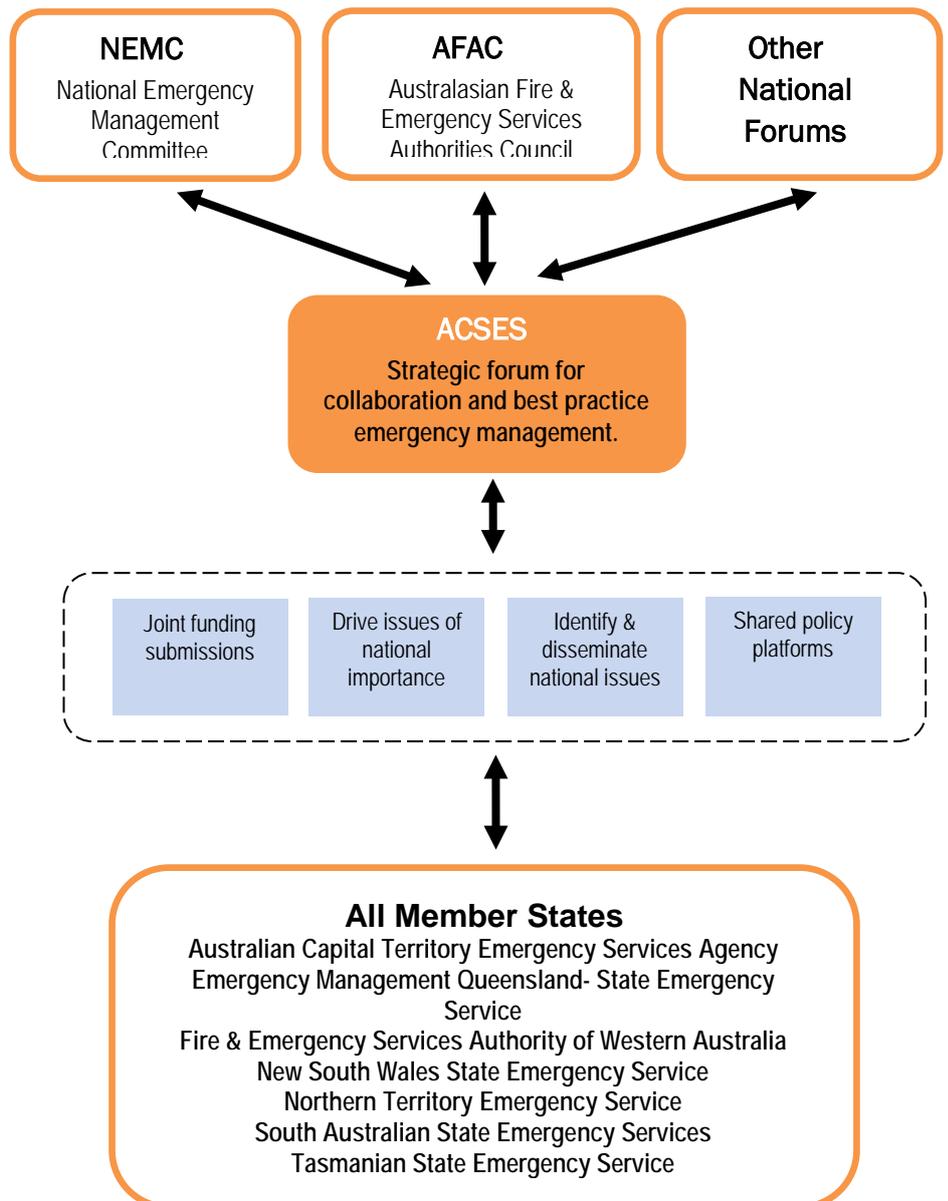
To work with all levels of government, the emergency service sector and relevant forums to represent the interests of all Australian State and Territory Emergency Service organisations.

We focus on:

- Promoting a national brand
- Ensuring best and consistent standards and practices
- Representing the interests of emergency service agencies at the national level
- Encouraging research and funding into issues of national importance
- Sharing and collaborating on training, skills and equipment, and
- Promoting networking and professional development opportunities for emergency service personnel.

Our Operating Environment

ACSES works with a range of government and industry bodies to progress issues of national concern and importance on behalf of all its members.



Our Priorities

Leadership

- To continue to grow and strengthen the SES brand across Australia.
- To seek funding to support executive services of ACSES.
- To build a strong and effective relationship with AFAC.

Advocacy

- To develop shared positions on agreed priority issues concerning the impact of natural disasters.
- To promote and increase the profile of 'all hazard approach' to emergency management.
- To consider impacts of land use planning on risks to communities.
- To progress national policy and procedures for flash flooding and its impacts on communities.
- To promote and progress the 'National Strategy for Disaster Resilience'.

Collaboration

- To identify joint strategic funding and investment opportunities.
- To develop joint opportunities for building community resilience through engagement and behaviour change programs.
- To work together to provide support for volunteers and identify opportunities for recruitment and retention of volunteers.

Research

- To identify research priorities for emergency management.
- To work collaboratively with industry, universities and government to drive a coordinated and strategic research program.
- To ensure the needs and opinions of S/TSES's are represented in any future CRC or Research Institute.

Best Practice

- To develop national 'fit for purpose' standards.
- To identify agreed areas for national standards.

Professional Development

- To promote and run a successful 'SES Week' every year.
- To run a successful annual National Disaster Rescue Competition

Our Members

Our members include all State and Territory emergency service organisations including:

**Australian Capital Territory
Emergency Services Agency**

**Emergency Management
Queensland- State Emergency
Service**

**Fire & Emergency Services
Authority of Western Australia**

**New South Wales State
Emergency Service**

**Northern Territory Emergency
Service**

**South Australian State
Emergency Services**

**Tasmanian State Emergency
Service**

**Victoria State Emergency
Service**