

**Message from  
Community Sector Partnership Team**

Department of Communities



Over the weekend, the State Emergency Coordinator, Police Commissioner Chris Dawson, activated the State Emergency Welfare Plan.

Under this plan, the Department of Communities takes the primary responsibility for coordinating the provision across the State of “welfare services” (as defined in the *Emergency Management Act 2005*).

Welfare services for people affected by an emergency can include the provision of accommodation, food, clothing, and financial assistance, and may extend to other critical support services.

With the activation of the plan, the Director General of the Department of Communities, Michelle Andrews, also assumes the role of State Welfare Coordinator.

A State Welfare Emergency Committee is being established, which will be chaired by Michelle and oversee the delivery of these services across the State.

In addition, a State Welfare Incident Control Centre is being established to sit alongside and support the State Health Incident Control Centre.

Under this structure, the Department of Communities and its partners continue to support some of the most vulnerable people and communities in our State.

We will provide further information as it becomes available.

We thank each and every one of you for the vital role you are playing in the pandemic response.

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