

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Australian Journal of Emergency Management is calling for papers for a special edition of the journal with a theme of 'All hazards risk assessments' to be published in late 2008.

This special edition will focus on risk assessment and scenario development by governments in relation to the Council of Australian Government (COAG) reforms on Natural Disasters, Bushfires and Catastrophic Disasters with the aim of showcasing best practice in producing new information on risk from 'all hazards' that is leading to safer communities or to reductions in the costs of disasters.

Papers are sought from:

- All levels of government (Local, State and Territory, Federal)
- Academics
- Consultants
- Insurance and Reinsurance industry
- Research, scientific and information management/provision agencies

Suggested topics include:

- Risk management including risk assessment
- Implementing mitigation strategies – including case studies
- Development and application of information systems that capture and or deliver information on risk
- Development and application of risk assessment tools and their take up by end users
- Community involvement in managing risk
- Land use planning schemes
- Guidelines, policies and legislation

All papers should have a focus on outcomes that can be used in developing more resilient communities. This issue will showcase examples of best practice as we move into the next phase of emergency management in Australia guided by COAG recommendations.

Articles that are purely advertorials for commercial products will not be accepted for publication.

Abstracts should be submitted to ajem@ema.gov.au by 28 February 2008. Completed articles will need to be submitted by 30 May 2008 to allow for the reviewing process undertaken for all AJEM academic articles. Contributors' guidelines can be found on the EMA website at www.ema.gov.au/ajem.

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