



Rocky Bay

HEALTH + COMMUNITY

Emergency and Disaster Management Planning

Abstract

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Research Objectives

The aim of this research project is to partner with University of Sydney, local state emergency service providers including Department of Fire and Emergency Services, local government emergency services, including volunteer emergency services teams and people with a disability to do the following:

- Understand the current level of emergency preparedness in Western Australia among people with a disability, carers, our organisation and frontline staff and volunteers.
- Adapt existing, or design operational frameworks to reduce disaster risk to people with a disability in WA communities.

Partners

University of Sydney, Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

Approach

Rocky Bay is currently working with University of Sydney to design an inclusive approach to emergency management planning in Western Australia. Current models in NSW, VIC and QLD are in progress, have had successful trials and positive outcomes.

This project will focus on three populations

- 1) People with a disability
- 2) Community and Disability Support Services (Rocky Bay)
- 3) Local Disaster Management (Department of Fire and Emergency Services)

Results or Expected Outcomes

The expected outcomes of this project are:

- increased preparedness of people with disability to respond to emergencies; and
- capacity to work together across sectors to increase the resilience of people with disability, their family and carers to respond to emergencies

Specifically, the research aims to produce the following benefits for each stakeholder:

- People with a disability – A Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness Plan (P-CEP) – a planning tool that enables disaster preparedness for with Person with a Disability in Western Australia.

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