



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BILL (No 2) 2025

Eight information sheets outline substantive changes that the Emergency Management (No 2) Bill 2025 (EM Bill) would make to emergency management legislation.

The information sheets set out what's changing and why, who the changes would affect, and when they would come into force.

Readers should keep in mind that the information sheets focus on what has substantively changed in the EM Bill from the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 (which the EM Bill replaces); many provisions remain the same or have minor changes. Readers should refer to the [Emergency Management Bill \(No 2\) | New Zealand Legislation](#) for a complete view of what the proposed legislation provides for and requires.

The provisions in the EM Bill may also change through the Parliamentary process.

This overview is about the following information sheets:

1. Emergency Management Participants
2. Local Government Emergency Management Roles and Responsibilities
3. Local Lines of Accountability for Emergency Management
4. Emergency Management Declarations
5. Emergency Management Powers
6. Assurance
7. Essential Infrastructure Providers
8. Planning Arrangements

Information sheets

1. Emergency Management Participants outlines changes relating to participants in the emergency management system, including for iwi and Māori, rural and other communities, disproportionately affected communities, and emergency ambulance services.

2. Local Government Emergency Management Roles and Responsibilities outlines changes relating to local government emergency management roles and responsibilities, including how Emergency Management Committees are made up, their functions, and the functions of member local authorities.

3. Local Lines of Accountability for Emergency Management outlines changes relating to lines of accountability for emergency management, including for territorial authority chief executives and Controllers and Recovery Managers at the regional, district, and local levels.

4. Emergency Management Declarations outlines changes relating to how states of emergency and transition periods are declared and managed.

5. Emergency Management Powers outlines changes relating to who can use emergency powers during states of emergency and transition periods, reporting requirements, and civil liability protections; as well as new powers to relieve animal suffering and provide for restricted access to roads/public places.

6. Assurance outlines changes relating to assurance in the emergency management system, including to set rules for technical and operational matters and for the Director-General Emergency Management to issue compliance orders relating to non-performance.

7. Essential Infrastructure Providers outlines changes relating to essential infrastructure providers (previously called lifeline utilities) including duties to contribute to planning and provide technical advice; and expanding who may be considered an essential infrastructure provider.

8. Planning Arrangements outlines changes relating to the emergency management planning framework, including enabling Regional Planning Standards, requirements for engagement with and planning for disproportionately affected communities and iwi and Māori, and planning for managing animals and offers of assistance from the public in an emergency.