



# TOP TIPS

## for Elected Representatives

### *Before an Emergency*

- Understand the risks and community vulnerabilities in your local area.
- Know the key emergency management personnel before, during and after an emergency (i.e. CDEM professional lead, Controller, Recovery Manager).
- Take an active interest in your council emergency management arrangements and CDEM Joint Committee decisions.
- Mayors – know your CDEM response arrangements – particularly for declaration and recovery transition.
- Mayors – get to know your MCDEM Regional Emergency Management Advisor.

### *During an Emergency*

- Focus on providing confidence and assurance for your communities.
- Keep controllers informed of escalating issues.
- Champion the response efforts – ensure your communities understand there are arrangements to help them.
- Direct people in need to the Response arrangements rather than try to solve issues individually.
- Make sure you take breaks and reconnect with your family.

