

5.12 National Principles for Disaster Recovery

These principles were endorsed by the Community and Disability Services Ministers Advisory Council, prior to being accepted by the Australian Emergency Management Committee in April 2008.

1. Successful recovery is based on an understanding of the community context.
2. Successful recovery acknowledges the complex and dynamic nature of emergencies and communities.
3. Successful recovery is responsive and flexible, engaging communities and empowering them to move forward.
4. Successful recovery requires a planned, coordinated and adaptive approach based on continuing assessment of impacts and needs.
5. Successful recovery is built on effective communication with affected communities and other stakeholders.
6. Successful recovery recognises, supports and builds community, individual and organisational capacity.