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602 IMPLEMENTATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S OUTCOMES FOR "KEEPING OUR MOB SAFE", A NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR REMOTE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES (Carmel Zollo) - **NOTED**

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TO: CABINET TO NOTE

RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S OUTCOMES FOR "KEEPING OUR MOB SAFE", A NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR REMOTE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

1. PURPOSE

That Cabinet note that:

- 1.1 SAFECOM has secured Commonwealth funding for initial planning, risk assessment and emergency management training for remote Indigenous communities.
- 1.2 SAFECOM is meeting with remote Indigenous communities to conduct initial risk assessment.

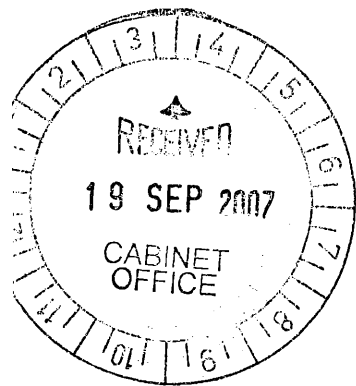
2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 SAFECOM has been working with the Remote Indigenous Communities Advisory Committee (RICAC) to develop a National Emergency Management Strategy for Remote Indigenous communities.
- 2.2 The Hon Phillip Ruddock launched this Strategy in Western Australia on 24 July 2007.
- 2.3 Consistent with South Australia's Strategic Plan Target 6.1 Aboriginal Wellbeing, SAFECOM is refining a plan to implement the National Strategy in South Australia.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 I previously advised Cabinet in September last year of the development of a Remote Indigenous Communities Emergency Management Strategy and in October 2006 of the work being done in risk management in remote and Indigenous South Australian communities.
- 3.2 During the week 5-11 August 2007 representatives of SAFECOM, CFS, SES and MFS visited the western Pitjantjatjara Communities of Amata Pipalytjara/Kalka, Kanypi and Wartarru to:
 - Formally introduce SAFECOM and emergency management agencies;
 - Conduct initial Emergency Management (EM) assessments;
 - Progress the Strategy; and
 - Generate community interest/support for the Strategy.

- 3.3 Along with the identification of traditional risks i.e. motor vehicle accidents, structure and rural fire; yet consistent with SAFECOM's prior learnings in the Capacity Building model, surprisingly Anangu are consistently identifying feral camels as a threat to the safety of their Communities and lands.
- 3.4 Anangu received SAFECOM positively with communities displaying a high level of interest in participating in the Emergency Management model program. In the interest of capitalizing on this community enthusiasm, SAFECOM will return this month to those western Pitjantjatjara communities to progress Risk Assessments. Visits to eastern-based communities will follow. Additionally, discussions have also commenced with Oak Valley/Yalata communities which will be captured in the plan.
- 3.5 At the Australian Emergency Management Committee meeting of 30 August 2007, SAFECOM CEO, Mr David Place the newly appointed Commissioner of Fire and Emergencies, was elected as Chair of RICAC.



SAFECOM is completing a detailed Project and Action Plan for SAFECOM Board "sign off" as it relates to the National Emergency Management Strategy. In progressing the National Strategy, SAFECOM will need to work with the Western Australian and Northern Territory Governments in the North West region of South Australia and maintain its links with Red Cross, Flinders University and Department of the Premier and Cabinet (Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division).

4. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Cabinet note:

- 4.1 SAFECOM's lead role in emergency management in remote Indigenous communities.
- 4.2 SAFECOM is to undertake capacity building with remote Indigenous communities.
- 4.3 SAFECOM to coordinate with other State/Territory/Commonwealth agencies to assist remote Indigenous communities to develop and maintain appropriate programs in order to support Emergency Management programs.

In Cabinet

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18 September 2007

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