



EXERCISE RECOVERY CHALLENGE

2024 WA State Maritime Environmental Emergency Exercise

The Department of Transport (DoT) will conduct a WA State Maritime Environmental Emergency Response (MEER) desktop exercise between the **28-30 May 2024**, as part of its obligations as the Hazard Management Agency for Maritime Environmental Emergencies (MEE) in WA.

The exercise will be conducted as a three day desktop exercise, at Kings Square Fremantle, focusing on the MEE recovery phase for a shipping incident at the Port of Esperance resulting in significant impacts to the Esperance community and broader region. The exercise will be conducted in partnership with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) State Recovery, supported by the Shire of Esperance, the Port of Esperance as part of the Southern Ports Authority (SPA), and several other organisations.

The aim is to build awareness of recovery requirements for MEE and validate recovery arrangements for MEE in WA, inclusive of response termination, marine area recovery and ongoing maritime casualty management actions within the context of an incident requiring state level recovery coordination.

The 2024 exercise will be conducted over three days. Day 1 will involve a DoT Incident Management Team conducting response termination, followed by the facilitation of recovery managed by a State Recovery Coordination Group across Day 2 and 3. On the afternoon of Day 3, a specific recovery funding workshop will be conducted to explore possible recovery funding options available in WA for the management of MEE incidents.

Exercise Recovery Challenge will provide an excellent opportunity for building awareness of recovery requirements for MEE incidents, including increased awareness of MEE incidents for DFES State Recovery, and increased awareness of state recovery arrangements for DoT MEER.

Further details will be provided in the coming months, however interested individuals are now formally invited to express their interest to participate in or observe the exercise through the link in the QR Code below. Nominations for participation will close on 31 March 2024 and nominations to observe will close on 30 April 2024



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Scan the QR code to register as a:

- Participant (3 Days)
- Observer (29 May)
- Funding Workshop Attendee (afternoon of 30 May)

All enquiries relating to this exercise should be made to:
marine.pollution@transport.wa.gov.au

The broad conduct of the exercise is as follows:

Day 1 – Response Termination **Tuesday 28 May 2024**

- Incident Management Team (IMT) in Fremantle, with virtual support from local and state recovery personnel.
- Activities to include:
 - Completion of impact statement
 - Response end point criteria
 - Incorporation of local recovery, district support and state recovery officers
 - Facilitation of ongoing actions relating to casualty coordination, cost recovery, waste management and oiled wildlife management

Day 2 – Recovery Coordination **Wednesday 29 May 2024**

- State Recovery Coordination Group (SRCG) in Fremantle, with local recovery personnel in Esperance.
- Activities to include:
 - Handover from IMT to SRCG
 - Conduct of recovery under SRCG, including natural, built, economic and social impacts management.
 - Scientific monitoring management
 - Ongoing maritime casualty coordination
 - Observer session in Fremantle

Day 3 – Recovery Coordination **Thursday 30 May 2024**

- State Recovery Coordination Group (SRCG) in Fremantle, with local recovery personnel in Esperance.
- Activities to include:
 - Conduct of recovery under SRCG, including natural, built, economic and social impacts management.
 - Scientific monitoring management
 - Ongoing maritime casualty coordination
 - Exercise debriefs and lessons capture.
 - Recovery funding workshop in Fremantle

