

Transport Functional Services Emergency Management Preparedness

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Transport Functional Services



- DTEI is one of a group of agencies that performs response and recovery activities during an emergency
- Contributes to the coordination role of the State Emergency Centre
- State Controller, Transport leads the functional service
- Transport Emergency Operations Centre at Norwood is activated in support as required



Role



Transport Functional Service coordinates the provision of transport support as required by other Functional services, whilst maintaining as far as practicable, normal operations & activities of public and commercial transport services in an environment at a time when limited resources and competing priorities are likely



Some potential tasks we may undertake



- Movement of emergency personnel and equipment
- Movement of emergency supplies and goods including water, fuel and food
- Evacuation of people
- Assistance for limited medical transport
- Movement of earth-fill and debris
- Repairs to public transport infrastructure i.e. roads, bridges, rail tracks



How can we assist you?



- Provide information regarding existing public transport services that could be utilised at varying time periods
- Provide information on local commercial transport companies you can work with for evacuation planning
- Provide assistance in the planning of how to get vehicles into and out of your site



What you can do?



- Consider evacuations as part of your ongoing emergency planning activities
- Prepare an Evacuation Plan to suit your local conditions & requirements
- This should consider several types of possible extreme weather scenarios or other similar emergencies i.e. bushfire, earthquake, gas mains explosion



What you can do?



- Liaise with local commercial transport provider/s and develop memorandums of understanding prior to an emergency event
- This should involve the local commercial transport provider/s assisting you with evacuation planning
- Practice what you plan sooner rather than later



Limitations of Public Transport



- It cannot be the be all in all situations
- Availability of vehicle numbers during peak period times of 7am - 9am and 4pm - 6pm is limited
- Availability of driver numbers during an extreme weather or emergency event can be an unknown factor depending on the size, nature and location of the situation
- Some vehicle types and designs are unable to manoeuvre into many residential local streets
- Services could be cancelled into affected areas due to the nature of the event



Preparedness, Planning & Practice before an event is a must

Questions?



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