

Emergency Services Reform Office

Newsletter

ESRO Office

For those that missed the last newsletter, the ESRO team have now moved to 60 Weymouth Street which has allowed for increased collaboration and communication within the team and across the sector. We have settled into our new accommodation. Please note our new postal address at the bottom of the page (our email and phone number remain the same).

Presentation to the SAFECOM Board

The ESRO Director and Project Manager presented to the SAFECOM Board on Wednesday and outlined ESRO's achievements to date. Our presentation was well received and we will be updating the Board on a monthly basis to ensure they are kept informed of the progress of the reform.

We are meeting with the CFS's Chief Officers Advisory Council (COAC) next week to share the approach to the reform and how people can be involved in shaping the new organisation.



For more in information, just click the link on the SAFECOM home page: www.safecom.sa.gov.au

Progress on the Reform

At the Reference Group meeting held on 23 February 2015 the Minister announced that three operations support and corporate streams will move into SAFECOM progressively from April. The three operations support and corporate streams being:

- Capability and Support
- Volunteer Services and Community Resilience; and
- Strategic and Corporate Services.

Preliminary work has commenced on this, with advice being sought to define which functions belong in each of these streams. Other areas of work including the industrial relations relevant to the sector, appropriate benchmarking and resourcing required for each of the operational support and corporate streams.

This preliminary information is being prepared to provide support to the various working groups which will provide recommendations outlining how this new model will be achieved.

Applications for the first three working groups closed on Monday (23rd March). We appreciate the level and calibre of interest of the EOIs received.

The next batch of working groups will be advertised in mid-late April – you will be notified by email when this happens. You are welcome to start preparing your application leading up to the next working group call for EOIs. A reminder that the EOI form and role information documents can be found on the ESRO pages on the SAFECOM website.

Just a reminder, if you do not have the time to commit to a working group, or you are unsuccessful in being selected to join one, you can be on the expert panel. Expert panels will be used by the working groups to seek feedback on ideas and consult with sector members.

What is the expert panel?

The expert panel is made up of interested persons who can provide advice to the various working groups. People who complete an EOI form have an option to tick a box (at the bottom of page 2) to be part of additional consultation forums (if they are not selected for a work group). People that have registered an interest with ESRO will also be part of this expert panel.

The expert panel may be surveyed, may be invited to attend forums or participate in focus groups. This is a good way to have your say in the reform without the commitment of being on a workgroup.

Upcoming Dates

31st March - Reference Group Meeting
1st April—Presentation to CFS COAC

Please keep your feedback, comments and questions coming in. We are contactable at:

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