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## **Group Representative for National Working Group for the Wellington Earthquake Initial Response Plan Project**

### **1. Purpose**

To appoint a representative from the Wellington Region CDEM Group to participate in the National Working Group for the Wellington Earthquake Initial Response Plan Project.

### **2. Background**

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, in collaboration with the Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management, has initiated the development of a national-level initial CDEM response plan for a major Wellington earthquake. The development of this plan will give effect to a key outstanding action item contained in the Exercise Capital Quake 2006 report, endorsed by the Officials Committee for Domestic and External Security (ODESC). Apart from addressing the recommendations of that report, the plan will also be used to develop a generic major natural hazard event initial response plan.

### **3. Project Aim**

The main aim of the project is to develop an integrated response and recovery plan that can be implemented immediately and automatically when a large scale earthquake occurs in the Wellington region. The plan is to cover the early period of an event – when communications may be poor, and a formal co-ordination structure may not yet be in place – until a proper response and recovery structure has been established and a situation-specific national action plan has been developed.

The Wellington Region CDEM Group has a key role in the response to and recovery from a major Wellington earthquake event and therefore also in the

development of this initial response plan. The success of the plan will depend largely on the input, support and agreement of all the key stakeholders. The intention is to share progress in the project with all Groups as the goal is to develop a system that is applicable nationwide.

#### **4. Nomination**

The Wellington Region CDEM Group has been invited to nominate a key practitioner contact to be its representative on a Working Group for the project. The project is estimated to be completed by December 2009.

Rian van Schalkwyk, Manager CDEM Group Office, has already attended meetings of the Working Group. It is therefore recommended that he be appointed as the Group's representative.

#### **5. Recommendations**

*That the CDEM Group:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Appoints Rian van Schalkwyk, Manager CDEM Group office, to be the Wellington CDEM Group representative on the Wellington Earthquake Initial Response Plan National Working Group.*

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