



The Research Advisory Panel (RAP)

Part of the Queensland Disaster Management
Research Framework



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In September 2018, IGEM facilitated the first meeting of the **Research Advisory Panel (RAP)**. The RAP comprises representatives from State Agencies, local government and the seven Queensland-based universities. The **purpose** of the RAP is to provide strategic guidance on the development and implementation of the DMRF, as well as helping to build collaborations around Queensland's (Qld's) research needs, share existing research and influence State, National and International disaster management research.

Members

- The Department of Premier and Cabinet
- The Queensland Reconstruction Authority
- Queensland Fire and Emergency Services
- The Queensland Police Service
- Queensland Health
- The Department of Housing and Public Works
- Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy
- The Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors
- The Department of Transport and Main Roads
- The Department of Environment and Science
- The Local Government Association of Queensland
- Whitsunday Regional Council
- City of Gold Coast
- The Bureau of Meteorology
- Queensland University of Technology
- The University of Queensland
- Griffith University
- James Cook University
- The University of Southern Queensland
- The University of the Sunshine Coast
- Bond University
- Central Queensland University

Mapping and Gap Analysis

In February 2019, IGEM commenced a research mapping, needs and gap analysis in conjunction with the RAP. IGEM mapped the network of Qld-based disaster and emergency management researchers (Identifying another 70 researchers to join the Researcher Register and CoP), identified the needs of local disaster managers, and mapped the key themes of the policy environment.

The RAP endorsed the use of the 34 themes for research classification used by the United Nations Office of Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) and the four Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction Priorities to help categorise research needs, expertise and gaps. The links to the UNDRR and Sendai show how Qld's disaster management research and expertise at the local level are addressing National and International priorities.

The mapping and gap analysis identified a range of research needs for disaster management practitioners, different priorities for the policy environment and the broad focus of researchers in Qld.