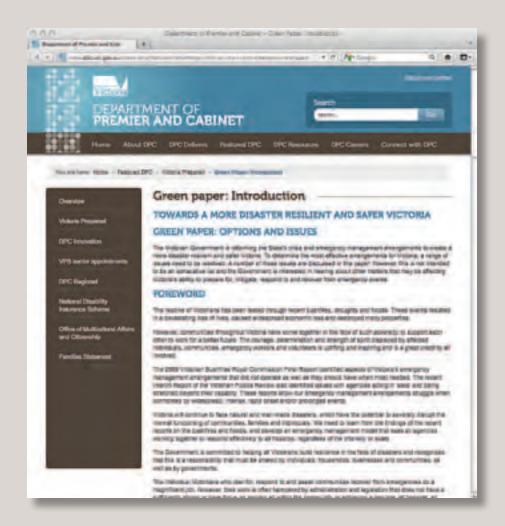# INTERESTING WEBSITES:

TOWARDS A MORE DISASTER RESILIENT AND SAFER VICTORIA

Victoria's emergency services are among the best in the world, but like many places, Victoria will continue to face significant emergency risks. Victoria needs a modern 'all-hazards' (both natural and man-made) emergency management system to better prepare Victorians for the future.

As a consequence, The Victorian Government has developed a green paper entitled Towards a More Disaster Resilient and Safer Victoria and it is interested in your views on how Victoria can better prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from emergencies.

You can share your opinion on the questions and options contained in the Victorian Government's green paper located at this URL:

http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/index.php/featured/reforming-victorias-crisis-and-emergency-management-framework/green-paper-introduction

Pictorial community safety action guides

Building resilient communities

Six pictorial action guides have been developed for culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Each guide depicts a different hazard and shows through images and clear messages how best to be prepared and act to minimise any adverse effects.

In support of the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience, the guides aim to raise awareness of natural hazards that may occur in Australia and present the information in a meaningful format for those who speak English as a second language.

They are available on the Emergency Management in Australia website, www.ema.gov.au.

Storm   Flood   Earthquake   Cyclone   Lightning   Heatwave

Project Red

The Centre for Multicultural Youth conducted a consultation with young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds to discuss emergency management volunteering – their awareness and understanding of the roles; interest in, barriers to and opportunities for active participation.

A report is available from the Emergency Management in Australia website, www.ema.gov.au

For further information email: communities@ag.gov.au

Australian Emergency Management Institute

The Australian Emergency Management Institute (AEMI) is a Centre of Excellence for education, research and training in the emergency management sector. In support of the COAG National Strategy for Disaster Resilience, 2011 AEMI:

- provides education and training.

- undertakes applied research.

- conducts strategic activities resilience.

- promotes community awareness and resilience.

Advanced Diploma Public Safety v8 Units of Study (AEMI)

- Work in an emergency management context and Build and maintain community relationships

- Develop and use political nous

- Facilitate emergency risk assessment and determine treatment options

- Facilitate emergency planning processes

- Coordinate resources for a multi-agency incident

- Develop and maintain business continuity plans

- Manage recovery functions and services

- Design and manage activities which exercise elements of emergency management

- Establish and review the business continuity management framework and strategies

- Develop and organise public safety awareness programs

- Establish and manage a recovery centre

Upcoming Units of Study

Develop and use political nous
10-12 January 2012

The development and use of political nous assists in navigation and success within the political environment of the public sector. This Unit includes identifying the political terrain, evaluating the political environment, forming alliances, and bargaining and negotiating to achieve outcomes.

Facilitate emergency planning processes
6-9 February 2012

This unit covers the competencies required to collaboratively facilitate the development of new, and the revision of existing, emergency plans by organisations such as: local government; emergency services or government agencies and departments; event organisers; managers of utilities, critical infrastructure or high occupancy buildings; private sector and industries.

For more information on these units of study, and other workshops please visit our website