



Sector Update 21 Feb 2020

# Natural Disasters

- NDFA = Natural Disaster Financial Assistance
- From 1 Dec 2019 responsibility for administration of funding arrangements moved from DTF to Emergency Management Victoria
  - No changes to processes for submitting or finalizing claims
- **Funding Available for:**
  - **Counter Disaster operations**
  - **Establishing MERC and Emergency Recovery Centres**
  - **Repair of assets directly impacted by natural disaster**
- NDFA will meet full costs of approved emergency protection works and counter disaster operations
- Restoration of public Assets:
  - 75% between \$10-\$110k, and 100% over \$110k
- Asset Values and good condition assessments are key!
- Remember when preparing estimates – emergency response can be much more expensive than normal contract rates
- Clearly defined position description for people in recovery roles
- Don't make assumptions about what will be funded. Talk to EV before you commit.
- Consider community expectations throughout.

# Rating Review



- Announced 2019
- Finpro submission
  - Maintaining Flexibility for Councils
  - Clearer legislation
  - More support for Councils
- Public Hearings November 2019
- Consultation Report January 2020
  - 46 Submissions from Councils, 199 submissions from others
  - Are property values a fair basis for taxation?
  - Many ideas and suggestions. Some well thought out, and some not so
- Report to Minister March 2020

# Update on Waste

- Waste Levy - highly likely an increase

Vic Metro	NSW Metro	Vic Rural	NSW Rural
\$65.90	\$143.60	\$32.22	\$82.70

- Landfill contracts renegotiated around the state
  - Metro groups are being advised that as landfill space is dwindling cost are increasing
- New Environment Protection Regulations.
- Waste fees & Charges
- Container Deposit Scheme