

APPENDIX E5

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Emergency Traffic Management Points (TMP) - Access Levels

These guidelines have been developed to assist personnel involved with operating Traffic Management Points (TMP). TMP's are sites where prohibition or restriction of vehicular / pedestrian traffic (traffic) is managed as a result of an emergency incident.

Implementation of TMP's and determination of appropriate access levels is at the discretion of the response Management Authority (MA) and / or Tasmania Police. Relaxation of access levels or reopening of roads requires the approval of the responsible Management Authority (MA).

These guidelines do not limit the independent discretion of Tasmania Police to exercise their duties in the interest of public safety.

Level 1: - Emergency Service Access Only (Authorised by response MA)

- Emergency service personnel engaged in response and mitigation activities

At this level, access is to be refused to all traffic, except emergency personnel in emergency vehicles.

Level 2: - Essential Services Access (Authorised by response MA)

- Contractors delivering equipment and / or providing services
- Public Safety Assessment Teams (PSAT)
- Essential services – restoration of power, water, communications, gas, animal welfare, etc.

In addition to emergency services personnel the Incident Controller may allow access to non-emergency services assisting with mitigation or recovery efforts. If in doubt contact should be made with the Incident Controller to seek clarification / approval. Where circumstances allow, details of such movements at TMP's are to be transmitted to incident control.

'Accredited' media may be permitted access at this level, however, approval must be granted by the Incident Controller and an escort provided.

Level 3: - Authorised Access (Authorised by response MA)

- Recovery agencies, residents, media access

In addition to emergency and essential services, this level permits access to recovery and / or aid agencies, residents returning to their homes, media and any other people approved by the Incident Controller. At this level, where circumstances allow, a log is to be kept recording details of persons and vehicles moving through the TMP.

Guiding Principles

Tasmania Police (TasPol) are responsible for the establishment of Traffic Management Points (TMP's) and restriction of access by road and pedestrian traffic (traffic). In that role, Tasmania Police may be supported by authorised personnel, i.e. State Emergency Services (SES) personnel.

TasPol and emergency services will work cooperatively during emergency incidents in accordance with the following principles:

- Emergency services requiring traffic to be controlled or stopped from entering specific areas will request Tasmania Police to initiate that action.
- Tasmania Police will as soon as possible, assess the necessity or otherwise of initiating the requested course of action.
- Where appropriate, TMP's are to be established in the shortest possible time once a determination is made to take that course of action.
- TMP's are established to assist with the safety of emergency service personnel and members of the community.
- In the event Tasmania Police members establish a TMP of their own volition, that information is to be provided to the response Management Authority as soon as possible.
- The response Management Authority will communicate the location and status of TMP's to relevant emergency service personnel and the media.
- TMP's are to be established and maintained in areas that best support emergency services activities, assist with safety of the community and cause the least impact to the community in general.
- Where Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) has established an Incident Management Team (IMT), traffic management is to be embedded in the Incident Action Plan (IAP); and at large scale incidents TasPol will provide a police officer to the IMT to assist with preparation and implementation of a Traffic Management Plan.
- The response Management Authority for the incident will notify TasPol as soon as possible that access restrictions are no longer required.
- The relaxation of traffic restrictions or cessation of a TMP requires authorisation from the response Management Authority.
- The response Management Authority will expediently communicate to TMP staff any decisions to cease or change the access status of a TMP. Likewise, TMP staff will notify the response Management Authority of any issues or change to their status as soon as possible.
- TMP staff maintains the discretion to relocate or remove themselves for reasons of safety; but are required to notify the response Management Authority as soon as possible.