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FOREWORD

THE AUSTRALIAN EMERGENCY MANUAL - LAND SEARCH OPERATIONS IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A COMMON DOCTRINE AND BASIS OF OPERATIONS AND TRAINING FOR ALL AGENCIES INVOLVED IN LAND SEARCH AND RESCUE THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA

ALTHOUGH ITS EMPHASIS IS ON BROAD PRINCIPLES, THE MANUAL ACKNOWLEDGES THAT INDIVIDUAL STATES AND TERRITORIES MAY NEED TO PROVIDE DETAILED TECHNIQUES WHICH ADDRESS LOCAL REQUIREMENTS.

THIS MANUAL HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY A NATIONAL WORKING PARTY, REPRESENTATIVE OF POLICE AND STATE TERRITORY EMERGENCY SERVICES. THE WORKING PARTY WAS INITIATED AND SPONSORED BY THE NATURAL DISASTERS ORGANISATION

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS MANUAL HAS BEEN DRAWN UP FROM A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS PRODUCED BY VARIOUS STATES AND TERRITORIES AND ADAPTED TO REFLECT A NATIONAL STRATEGY.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THOROUGH TRAINING FOR ALL PERSONNEL EMPLOYED IN LAND SEARCH AND RESCUE CANNOT BE OVER-EMPHASISED. FAILURE OF A SINGLE LINK IN THE OFTEN COMPLEX CHAIN OF ACTION CAN COMPROMISE THE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATION RESULTING IN LOSS OF LIVES WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN SAVED.

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