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The State Bushfire Advisory Council (SBAC) met at the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Bushfire Centre of Excellence in Nambeelup for their final quarterly meeting of 2024.

National Bushfire Intelligence Capability (NBIC)

SBAC Chair Murray Carter is the Western Australian representative on the newly established National Bushfire Intelligence Capability (NBIC) Council and briefed the SBAC with a short presentation.

The NBIC Council met for their inaugural meeting on 23 April 2024.

The National Council is made up of a representative from each state and territory across Australia and has been established to co-develop and endorse future project stages in line with the NBIC's undertaking to provide:

- a national consistency in reporting and investment priorities.
- science-based development of long-term risk management strategies
- standardisation of bushfire impact data using a common platform

2025 Work Program

At the request of the Council's newly formed Strategic Priorities Working Group, members received a short, high-level overview of existing arrangements for the mitigation of bushfire risk on the different forms of Crown land in WA. In response, the Working Group has been tasked to examine several land related topics in further detail, with a view to providing recommended priorities for Council's consideration in March 2025.

Progress of the Combined Emergency Services Bill

Following the previous afternoon's half-day session on the Consolidated Emergency Services Bill, discussion continued on relevant topics.

An Emergency Services Consultation Exposure Draft Bill is being drafted, which is intended to be used for public consultation for at least 3 months.

The next SBAC quarterly meeting is scheduled for 17 March 2025.

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