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Increase in tendering threshold for natural disaster response and recovery related contracts

What's new or changing

- The *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* has been amended to prescribe a tendering threshold of \$500k for contracts entered into by councils for the purpose of responding to, or recovering from, a declared natural disaster within 12 months of the declaration of the natural disaster.

What this will mean for your council

- The amendment means that councils are not required to tender prior to entering into a contract with a value of less than \$500k where the contract:
 - is primarily for the purpose of response to or recovery from a “declared natural disaster”, and
 - is entered into within 12 months after the date on which the natural disaster is declared.

Key points

- The phrase, “*declared natural disaster*”, is defined in the Regulation to mean a natural disaster that has been declared in relation to the area of a council by either:
 - a Natural Disaster Declaration for the purposes of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements jointly administered by the Commonwealth and the States and Territories, or
 - a declaration under the *State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989*, section 33.

Where to go for further information

- For further information please contact the Council Governance Team on 4428 4100 or by email at olg@olg.nsw.gov.au.

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