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FACT SHEET

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NATIONAL RESILIENCE TASKFORCE

Working closely with National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the National Resilience Taskforce will enhance Australia's national resilience, by examining Australia's increasing exposure and vulnerability to nationally significant crises and ensuring the Commonwealth has the necessary policy, legislation and capability to manage increasingly complex cascading and concurrent national crises.

The Taskforce will consider the learnings from COVID-19 and other recent crises as part of this work.

The National Resilience Taskforce will also work closely with the Democratic Resilience

Taskforce noting Australia's democratic resilience underpins our national resilience. The

Taskforce is exploring and delivering a range of priority lines of effort, including:

- considering the domestic implications of the security environment and making recommendations to Government about the actions required to ensure Australia's security, prosperity and unity
- developing a National Resilience Framework to bolster Australia's ability to anticipate, prevent, absorb, adapt and evolve from extreme and concurrent natural and humaninduced crises or shocks, regardless of how these challenges come about
- ensuring Australia has the right authorities, legislation and policy settings to manage national level crises and concurrent emergencies, including at the border
- exploring options to ensure Australia is resilient against malicious state-based activity, including exploring Australia's resilience capabilities and planning
- boosting efforts to strengthen supply chain resilience, including examining the vulnerabilities of limited trade during COVID, by developing greater awareness of Australia's vulnerabilities to supply chain shock from a national security perspective and reduce Australia's exposure to critical risks,
- identifying and assessing national security climate impacts and risks and developing policies to address critical national security vulnerabilities resulting from or exacerbated by climate change.

The work of the Taskforce complements the collective efforts of Government, academia, industry and the not-for-profit sector to meet the unprecedented challenges Australians have faced in recent years.

The Taskforce will draw on rich sources of empirical data, rigorous research and diverse perspectives to deliver a practical, innovative agenda for strengthening our national resilience, in the near term and for the long term.