

## Could your business survive a disaster?



Technology has become an integral part of everyday business activity and we are becoming more dependent upon IT within our business operations.

New technologies are constantly emerging to provide new functionality or services within your business but they introduce new considerations in your disaster recovery planning, and an environment that is harder to manage.

Increased dependency on IT has a greater impact on your business when things go wrong. A disaster may result in loss of business, loss of data, damage to customer confidence... all with the potential for significant financial losses for your business.

The Effectus Disaster Recovery Capability Assessment identifies potential weaknesses in your disaster recovery planning and risks to your business. We'll help your organisation to focus IT disaster recovery processes on the areas that need most attention.

### Consider the impact on your business if:

- an 'Act of God' occurs; an earthquake or a flood, for example
- there is a server room fire or the server room is damaged due to a malicious act
- the building is evacuated for an extended period, due to a health alert or a terrorist attack

### Effectus Disaster Recovery Capability Assessment:

- Reviews your preparedness for a disaster, taking into account the operating environment, business strategy and organisational objectives
- Assesses your information using the internationally recognised and measurable COBIT framework
- Provides a measurement of your current disaster recovery capability
- Provides a prioritised action plan for improving disaster recovery capability and achieving targets

### Disaster Recovery aligned to your organisation's needs

Control Objectives for Information and related Technology (COBIT) is an internationally recognised framework for IT management. Two of the COBIT processes, 'Ensure Continuous Service' and 'Manage Data', are applied across the organisation's key IT business processes. It is used to define best practice for IT Disaster Recovery, to ensure recovery and reduce information recovery risk.

Effectus understands that disaster recovery has to be aligned to your organisation's needs. The cost of recovering every IT process in the organisation may not be justified. Effectus is positioned to guide and advise you on identifying your key IT risks, and the best course to recover your information and minimise loss of data.



## A process that is accountable for results

The Disaster Recovery Capability Assessment reviews what is required to prepare for effective disaster recovery, focusing on eight key processes:

- Business Continuity Management
- Threat and Risk Assessment
- Business Process Impact Analysis
- ICT Disaster Recovery Strategies
- ICT Disaster Recovery Plan Documentation
- ICT Disaster Recovery Training and Awareness
- ICT Disaster Recovery Plan Testing Procedures
- ICT Disaster Recovery Plan Auditing and Maintenance



We assess organisational capability within each process using a COBIT capability maturity model, against which the capability of the organisation can be benchmarked. Results will be graphed so you can clearly see which areas present the greatest recovery risk to your business.

The output of the Effectus Disaster Recovery Capability Assessment clearly illustrates the current recovery risks to an organisation and the opportunities for addressing these.

We establish a list of key goals and a prioritised action plan to improve disaster recovery weaknesses within defined time frames. The Assessment Process can be repeated over time to follow up improvements in disaster recovery capability, or to reassess recovery risk in the event of major changes to your business.

### Effectus Disaster Recovery Capability Assessment—the first step to improved IT recovery

Effectus can also guide and support you with next steps, working with you to develop appropriate strategies, plans and procedures, not only for disaster recovery, but also for threat and risk mitigation, and business continuity. Effectus supports you to develop Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity awareness campaigns, promote best practice, and works with you to train IT personnel and test Disaster Recovery capability in practice.

#### The Effectus Difference:

- Effectus consultants have an excellent understanding of both business processes and ICT governance practices, having been managers or business leaders within a wide spectrum of business sectors. For this reason Effectus' solutions are always relevant to the New Zealand market.
- The Effectus philosophy is to “teach a man to fish”. We work alongside you and your team, providing pragmatic solutions, sharing our methodologies and experience. This allows your organisation to progress relevant measurable improvements in business performance.
- Effectus has COBIT certified consultants who have an excellent understanding of the utilisation of the COBIT framework to measure DR capability.

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