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### Your Submission

In your experience, what areas of the bushfire emergency response worked well?

In your experience, what areas of the bushfire emergency response didn't work well?

In your experience, what needs to change to improve arrangements for preparation, mitigation, response and recovery coordination for national natural disaster arrangements in Australia?

Early warning and Mitigation.

Strategic positioning for budget allocation across Emergency Services agencies is a priority in an increasingly large and complex Emergency Services bureaucracy. The bigger the disaster, the bigger the opportunity for future budget allocation and the more bloated Emergency Services bureaucracies become. This results in a less efficient Agency that loses sight of the disaster effected community's needs. A greater interest in internal systems and procedures than required community driven outcome.

Clearly disaster mitigation, early warning, single source information and communication and the marrying of local knowledge and experience to aggregator technologies like the Vic Emergency EMCOP system is a structure that works. This is significantly more cost effective than the current fragmented and often less than ideal approach in other states.

From my observations the current arrangements do not work well for salaried Emergency Services personnel, Volunteers or Citizens. And the tax payer always pays. Often twice, or three times, in a natural disaster.

1: For the hardware and infrastructure/personnel.

2: For the Disaster Recovery Funds

3: For the consequences of the system failures, unintended consequences or errors of judgment in Emergency Services event management.

These consequences directly or indirectly effect the lives and livelihoods of the entire Australian community.

Australia needs a single source national disaster communication system to get all entities including the citizens on the same page at the same time, in real time, during an event.

Is there anything else you would like to tell the Royal Commission?

See link: <https://youtu.be/a-AX9mt0V48>

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