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Your Submission

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

Coordination across jurisdictions and portfolios (eventually).

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

Preparedness at individual, community and organization levels

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

The viability of remote communities needs to be addressed for various levels of threat and action plans developed for those threats. Under the worst level of threat, communities need to know where they stand.

I propose that remote communities be assessed into 3 categories:-

1. undefendable, you're on your own
2. Defendable
3. Major service and Evacuation Centre.

Criteria for assessing these categories need to be developed including building standards, defense systems, fuel loads, etc.

Rather than relying on charity for reconstruction after disasters, there needs to be a national insurance system which takes appropriate consideration of a communities viability. Community action to improve their viability should lead to improved premiums.

All communities deserve the right to protect themselves, but this should not be a life life and death decision. All vulnerable homes should have a refuge of last resort, a bunker and there needs to be a national accreditation system and subsidies for this.

There needs to be a national relocation scheme where people are not left in harms way because they lack the financial resources to relocate. Where folk relocate from unviable communities the state should acquire the properties for a national purpose.

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

This has been done at the last minute. I'd appreciate the opportunity to refine and expand on this material.

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