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National Emergency
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Submission to the Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding

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Q1. What experience have you had with Commonwealth disaster funding support?

Providing Local Government community Recovery groups with Federal funding: DRF

Q2. How could Commonwealth funding support communities to reduce their disaster risk?

Concentrate on funding planning projects to reduce building in flood prone and bushfire prone areas.

Q3. Please describe your understanding of Commonwealth disaster funding processes.

Funding is provided to the state be the administrator.

Q4. Are the funding roles of the Commonwealth, states and territories, and local government, during disaster events clear?

Yes

Q5. Is there any further information you would like to provide?

My opinion is that funding needs to be more flexible between emergency events allowing states to transfer funding between incidents if funding is not spent and longer timeframes for recovery need to be encompassed to lock in recovery funding for 5 to 10 years windows allowing communities to recover not just structurally but economically and strategically. Currently in Western Australia the state is re-writing its planning policies to provide more pathways to develop in bushfire prone areas which will exacerbate house and business loss into the future as climate change increases the risk to communities.

