Submission to the Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding

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

After the bushfires that came December 2019 my husband and I received the Federal Government one off payment.

No other funding. Our Sarsfield Community Association application for funding denied. Yet Raymond Island and somewhere on the West Gippsland coastline got funding. Neither were impacted by this bushfire.

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

Spend more money on fire fighting assets as was suggested before the fires. Override the State Government. Roadside clearing post fires was stopped due to one person who worked for DWELP (the department of ever changing names) It started again last month and the amount of dead trees, fuel etc., was astonishing and frightening.

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

Have no idea but if it's anything like asking for help in a time of crisis.... stressful and difficult

Lost count of the times that I had to recount my experience, prove who I was, prove that I was impacted by the bushfires.

Yet people not impacted who did not evacuate got Government money.

Again people who were not impacted took their livestock to Bairnsdale sale yards and got free food for their animals.

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

No

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

One place where people in need can register and provide information about their circumstance. Prove the ID and what they experienced.

Then all the organisations can access this information to find those in need who are too proud to ask. Also being given an assessment number for those registered is something that can be given to organisations that are offering help.