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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?

Nil. I am a rural landowner, living Mid North coast NSW. Potential for impact by bushfire as a high priority.

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

Provide opportunities for funding activities such as community engagement, community development initiatives and community education . Other support would be by funding for early warning, local radio / communications, establishing hubs, funding to purchase support equipment such as radio network, early warning and communications, transport, animal welfare and health, recovery support with real actions, providing recommendations for recovery, building support, and training.

Providing emergency funding for hazard mitigation.

Provide support for investments that improve the resilience and security of public broadcasting networks and systems.

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

No idea. This is a very vague and cumbersome process and the lack of community engagement is testament to lack actions.

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

No. Extremely uncertain, unclear. There are so many agencies that it's hard to ascertain exactly which ones are the best and which ones have the most effective strategies.

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

Provide clearer guideline for preparedness grants that support our community and first responders to ensure we work together as a team to build, sustain and improve our local capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate high-consequence disasters and emergencies.

