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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?

Current managing a team of Person-Centered Emergency Preparedness Facilitators working with people that are living with a disability or are aged to prepare for emergency that may impact their daily function and support networks.

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

Extend the funding to cover all LGA's. PCEP fits into the NDIS standard of emergency planning and could be better promoted through NDIS of how to use this program for their participants. We see a need for this service in all LGA's and have only funding for 2 LGA's so unable to assist others in the bordering communities.

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

Grant applications are completed and submitted for consideration and approval for the funding to be allocated to services in the targeted area.

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

The service and who they and what the funding is intended for is clear, the agency of where they are funded is not always clear to the consumer if it is local, state or federal funding.

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

Preparedness is very important in the local area in which we service due to being the largest disaster area in the country, fires and flood prone. The geographical area needs to be considered when funding is allocated to ensure the KPI's can be met in the required time.

Managing both disaster preparedness and recovery support services (State Funded) it would be beneficial to the community to keep a team on the ground in the preparedness space between disasters to ensure that the community stays aware of impacts of any disasters and is making preparations in partnership with other agencies that can assist them to be prepared including property and self e.g AIDER program, Habitat for humanity, and working with vulnerable communities e.g. those living in low socio economic areas and caravan parks.

