



# LANDCARE'S ROLE IN RECOVERY OF COMMUNITIES, NATURAL ASSETS AND FARMS AFTER BUSHFIRE EVENTS

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## NATIONAL PRINCIPLES FOR

# Disaster Recovery



### DISASTER RECOVERY

is part of emergency management, which includes the broader components of prevention, preparedness and response. Planning for recovery is integral to emergency preparation and mitigation actions may often be initiated as part of recovery.

### DISASTER RECOVERY

includes built, environmental and economic elements, as well as social wellbeing. Recovery can provide an opportunity to improve these aspects beyond previous conditions, by enhancing social and natural environments, infrastructure and economies – contributing to a more resilient community.

### SUCCESSFUL RECOVERY

#### Understand the context

Successful recovery is based on an understanding of the community context, with each community having its own history, values and dynamics.

#### Recognise complexity

Successful recovery is responsive to the complex and dynamic nature of both emergencies and the community.

#### Use community-led approaches

Successful recovery is community-centred, responsive and flexible, engaging with community and supporting them to move forward.

#### Coordinate all activities

Successful recovery requires a planned, coordinated and adaptive approach, between community and partner agencies, based on continuing assessment of impacts and needs.

#### Communicate effectively

Successful recovery is built on effective communication between the affected community and other partners.

#### Recognise and build capacity

Successful recovery recognises, supports and builds on individual, community and organisational capacity and resilience.

CONTEXT



Social Recovery  
Reference Group  
AUSTRALIA

## RESILIENCE = ABILITY TO COPE WITH AND THRIVE IN THE FACE OF CHANGE

At different times, communities or individuals will:

**PERSIST:** Make small changes until things return to normal. For example, industry groups conducting online extension during a pandemic.

**ADAPT:** Make permanent change to adapt to ongoing change. For example, growing crops suitable for warmer, dryer climates.

**TRANSFORM:** Deliberate, significant change to something different. For example, shifting land use from agriculture to energy production.

All of these approaches are right at different times.

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# INTRODUCTIONS



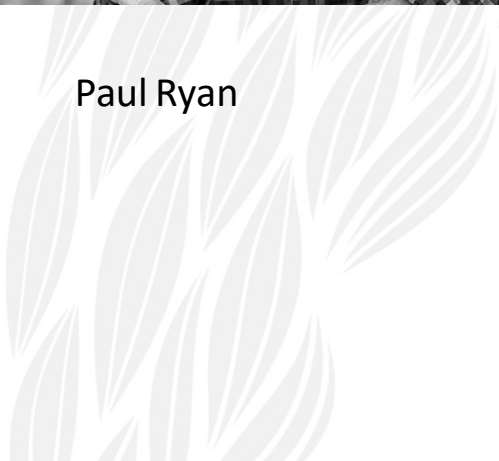
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# Building resilience in local communities:

*The wellbeing benefits of participating in Landcare*



Figure 1: The social and economic impacts of Landcare participation

### IMPACTS IDENTIFIED BY LANDCARE PARTICIPANTS

- Improved health and wellbeing
- Sharing knowledge and support
- Connection to community
- Hands-on experience
- Connection to people
- Connection to nature and country
- Community collaboration
- Economic benefits
- Community resilience to national disasters

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# Resilience principles

The following principles describe the characteristics of systems that demonstrate resilience. They must underpin any interventions taken to increase resilience within a system.



**Develop a complexity perspective**



**Manage networks and connectivity**



**Develop governance that embraces change**



**Value, retain and build response and recovery capacity**



**Foster cohesion, self-organisation and local responsibility**



**Focus on slow variables, leverage & tipping points**



**Design for flexibility**



**Learn for change**



THE RECIPE...

HOW ARE THINGS WORKING AND WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE IN THE FUTURE?



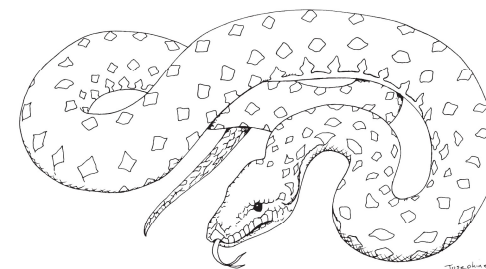




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# QUESTIONS





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