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## Researcher Feedback Guide

In March 2021, the Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC (the CRC) circulated a concept note *'Framing a disaster resilience research portfolio'* amongst its end-users and other stakeholders, seeking feedback on the shape of the research program that would be developed by what is now known as Natural Hazards Research Australia (the Centre).

The CRC used the feedback to develop the research plan that was submitted as part of the funding application for the Centre.

Following the announcement from the Commonwealth that Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC Ltd (the company that operated the CRC) was successful in its funding application for Natural Hazards Research Australia, the Centre began consultations to understand the research priorities from the perspectives of our end-user stakeholders.

This began with a survey of end-user stakeholders, which was followed by national workshops for each of the eight research themes. We have now had an opportunity to review the information that was so generously provided to us during our Research Program Workshops in August. The information has been brought together into a Discussion Paper that you can also find [here](#).

There was a wealth of information provided during the workshops, and we have done our best to bring that together into a document that reflects the views of the workshop participants.

The next step for us is to reach out to you as one of our research stakeholders so that you can provide feedback on the Discussion Paper.

The Discussion Paper will be open for feedback until 24 October 2021, although I encourage you to provide your input earlier than that, if you can. Feedback that we receive will inform the production of the final version of the research priorities for natural hazard disaster risk reduction and community resilience.

To provide some additional context for researchers and research organisations:

- The scale of the research required to address all the identified research priorities is beyond the capability of any single research organisation.
- Capturing the research priorities identified by the Centre's end users and other stakeholders creates opportunities to support connected research activities across Australia and New Zealand, and internationally, and identifies opportunities where those collaborations can open access to additional funds for research.
- The Centre is keen to understand how we can support universities, other research organisations and research teams with funding or other means of support for applications for additional sources of project funding (for example Centres of Excellence and ARC Linkage Grants). If you would like to explore these opportunities, please contact me directly at [john.bates@naturalhazards.com.au](mailto:john.bates@naturalhazards.com.au)

I would very much appreciate your thoughts on the Discussion Paper – focusing your feedback on the research themes that are important and relevant to you.

The feedback I am looking for should be focused on the research priorities, rather than what projects could be funded, or projects that you would like to do. The discussion of potential projects will be informed by the feedback we receive to this Discussion Paper.

In essence, your feedback will help frame the research priorities that the Centre will use to develop its project portfolio.

Feedback should be provided through the [online form](#)

Can you please:

1. Review the research themes that are relevant to you.
  - a. You can provide feedback on a single research theme, or as many of the research themes that you see as relevant to you.
2. For each research theme that you provide feedback on, please provide that feedback from a researcher's perspective - thinking about the research that you do, or believe needs to be done, and whether that research would be aligned to one or more of the research priorities.
3. In your feedback, think about:
  - a. Were the descriptions of the research priorities clear? If not, how could they be improved?
  - b. Do the proposed research priorities allow inclusion of research that you believe needs to be done?
  - c. If research that you believe needs to be done does not fit within the current priorities, you can suggest additional priorities for consideration?
  - d. If there is any research that is in progress, or just completed, that you think addresses any of the research priorities, please let us know so we can include that information into the discussions
4. There are two supplementary sections in the Discussion Paper:
  - a. Data:
    - i. Data-relevant research priorities are present throughout the research themes but have common research priorities.
    - ii. To provide feedback on the data information, please follow the steps in (3).
  - b. National Systems and Capabilities
    - i. These systems and capabilities were identified in the survey and workshops and includes details of the research theme(s) where they were mentioned.
    - ii. If there are any additional systems or capabilities you would like to suggest for inclusion, please include that information in your feedback.
5. Feedback should be provided using the [online form](#)
6. Online feedback will be open until 11:59pm on 24 October 2021.