

Be Ahead of Ready – Interactive Session

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Natural Hazards Research Australia



Purpose and agenda

Stimulate and identify new and innovative future focused policy and capability 'big ideas' and research gaps

Activity		Duration
1.	Be Ahead of Ready – project introduction	15 min
2.	The Big Ideas – Small group activity	30 min
3.	Reporting back – around the room	15 min
4.	The Big Ideas – Roaming group activity	20 min
5.	Summary and close	10 min

Be Ahead of Ready - Discovery workshops

Six key areas of focus

Multiple Big Ideas identified

12 Discovery workshops Best and worst case 2035 scenarios for each area

Six crosscutting themes identified where action needs to be prioritised

More than 150 participants from a diverse range of organisation

Six focus areas

A scenario based exercise



Enhanced governance, co-ordination and collaboration

Sustainable, long-term funding and workforce models

Leveraging existing data and knowledge across jurisdictions

Community-driven, place-based strategies

A paradigm shift to transform our mindset and approach to resilience

Accounting for all social, economic, environmental and cultural costs and benefits

Cross-cutting themes

Big ideas

Examples of emerging ideas from Discovery Workshops

Implement a national initiative to develop local display buildings showcasing resilient design and retrofit to educate the construction industry and building owners and occupiers.

Expand membership of the National Council for Fire and Emergency Services (AFAC) beyond the emergency management sector to include other areas of government in resilience.

Provide tax incentives for emergency management volunteer service.

Establish a national Bureau of Pyrogeography with centralised authority and accountability to provide information about fire risk (similar model to the Bureau of Meteorology).

Establish a national
Community of Practice
model for local
governments to build
capability in communityled resilience, by sharing
information, guidance
and best practice
approaches.

Develop a National Settlement Strategy which sets out consistent planning and infrastructure parameters for resilient land use and design. Establish a national body to provide standards and advice for inquiries and Royal Commissions and provide oversight and accountability of recommendation implementation.

Develop an open data policy for hazard and risk data (similar model to European open data policies for government programs). Undertake a national skills assessment to identify skills gaps across the emergency management and other sectors. Develop a national information 'wayfinding' service (digital and in-person) to enable individuals and communities to access and share information and connect to services throughout the hazard lifecycle.

Workshop principles

1. Ideas of today for the future

2. Be curious

3. Keep the conversation going

Imagine...

National Cabinet has met and agreed that resilience to natural hazards is a top priority of governments across the country.

They are keen for action now that will build resilience for the future.

The Prime Minister has convened a National Taskforce of resilience experts – it has put forward two alternative futures.

You have been asked to provide the Prime Minister and National Cabinet with the transformative policy and capability ideas that need to be implemented to get us from where we are now to:

Deliver the best case scenario

What are your big ideas?

The Big Ideas

Small group activity

Move to your chosen focus area.

The NHRA facilitator may split you into smaller groups What are your Big Ideas?

Start with one or two of the crosscutting themes. Get your ideas on paper using sticky notes.

Capture what your idea is, and why it's important.

Discuss ideas in your group.

Can you identify common themes or prioritise your ideas?

Report back.

The NHRA facilitator will summarise key ideas to the whole group.

Report back



The Big Ideas

Roaming activity

Move on to another focus area.

Review what's already there.

What Big Ideas do you want to add to or refine?

Get your ideas on paper using sticky notes.

Remember - capture the idea and why we should do it.

Discuss ideas with the NHRA facilitator and others.

Can you identify common themes?

Report back.

The NHRA facilitator will summarise key ideas to the whole group.

Summary and close



Thank you

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