



From risk to resilience? Reframing shared responsibility in Australian disaster policy

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1. Responsibility – ambiguous and multifaceted
 - a) Depends on who is looking and context
2. Two important kinds in disaster context
 - a) Prospective – obligation, duty
 - b) Retrospective – accountability, liability, blame
3. Retrospective responsibility judgements shaped by:
 - a) Rules, norms, expectations of obligations
 - b) Perceptions of control, agency, capacity, causality
 - c) Coping thresholds
4. Shared responsibility – more than one party has obligations for achieving the same goal
 - a) Might involve more or less coordinated/ collective action

1. Australian context
 - a) Cooperative federalism model
 - b) State/territory primary statutory authority

2. First coordinated, national-level emergency management policy in 1970s –
 - a) Comprehensive emergency management

3. Emergency Risk Management and Community Safety in 90s
 - a) 'Stay or Go' – community self-reliance

4. Shift to disaster resilience...

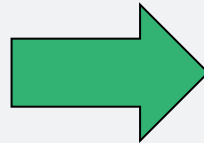
WE ARE BEYOND 'STAY OR GO' NOW

1. A 'whole-of-nation' resilience-based approach to disaster management
2. The idea of shared responsibility has been reframed by tying it to the idea of resilience
3. A paradigm shift?



THE DISASTER PROBLEM REFRAMED

- The central organising principle shifts from event to the exposed systems



THE SOCIAL CONTRACT REFRAMED

- ❑ The roles of - and relationships between - governments and citizens are reworked
- ❑ Developing greater degrees of collective action
- ❑ Importance of governance



IT'S NOT THE 'END' OF RISK (OR PPRR) BUT...

1. Greater degree of coordinated/collective action
2. Communities as partners
3. Focus on governance – process not just outcomes
4. More listening and less telling
5. Building relationships across boundaries
6. Less control over end results
7. Learning and adapting on the fly
8. Rethinking goals?

Other implications...?

WALKING THE TALK?

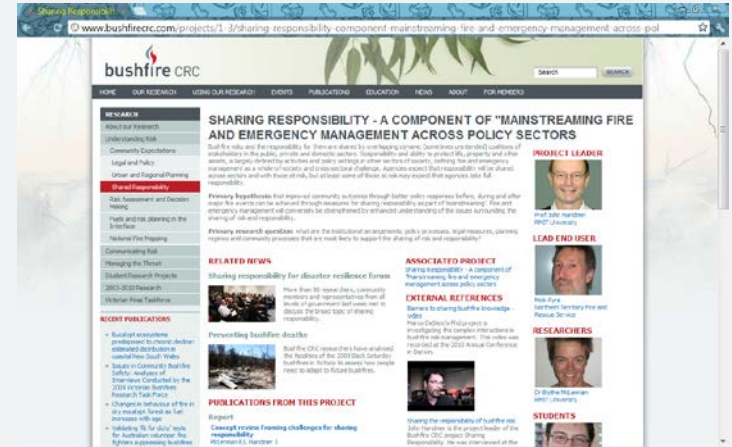


- “More of the same is not the answer”
- Have we “let the genie out of the bottle”?

MORE INFO

Project webpage

❑ Google “sharing responsibility bushfire crc”



Sharing responsibility blog

❑ Google “wordpress sharing responsibility disaster resilience”

