



Sharing Responsibility – Feedback

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The Sharing Responsibility project



Context	Part of <i>Community Expectations</i> research program ('Mainstreaming fire and emergency management across policy sectors')
Project team	John Handmer – project leader Blythe McLennan – researcher Mick Ayre – lead end user
Purpose	To support the fire and emergency management sector to make decisions about sharing responsibility for community safety
Approach	Generate new knowledge and learning opportunities

The problem



1. How do we realistically share responsibility to manage risk amongst different parties so that communities are as safe and resilient as possible?
 - a) E.g. amongst communities, households and individuals, fire and EM agencies, other sectors and levels of government, private industry, non-government organisations, and society more broadly
 - b) Focus on community bushfire safety in later stages

Research overview



	Objectives
Stage 1 Concept review	Review ways that responsibility sharing issues are conceptualized in relevant research
Stage 2 Stakeholder engagement	Direct project towards industry learning needs (ongoing)
Stage 3 Policy review	Identify responsibility-sharing issues encountered in a range of sectors internationally, & the policy responses
Stage 4 Australian case studies	Investigate specific responsibility-sharing issues encountered in Australian fire and emergency management
Stage 5 Synthesis	Identify and evaluate alternatives to share responsibility for community bushfire safety in Australia in the context of what we learn through Stages 1-3

Feedback



How have responsibility-sharing issues been dealt with in other risk management contexts outside the Australian fire and emergency management sector?

1. What issues were at stake?
2. When and why did these issues arise?
3. How was the underlying problem framed?
4. Who was involved?
5. What was done about it and why was it done that way?
6. What were the expected roles and obligations of different parties (according to different views)?
7. What has been the outcome?
8. What factors influenced the outcome?

- Are we asking the right questions?
- Where should we look?
- What types of issues should we look at?

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