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Ten national trends in resilience building across disaster impacted communities

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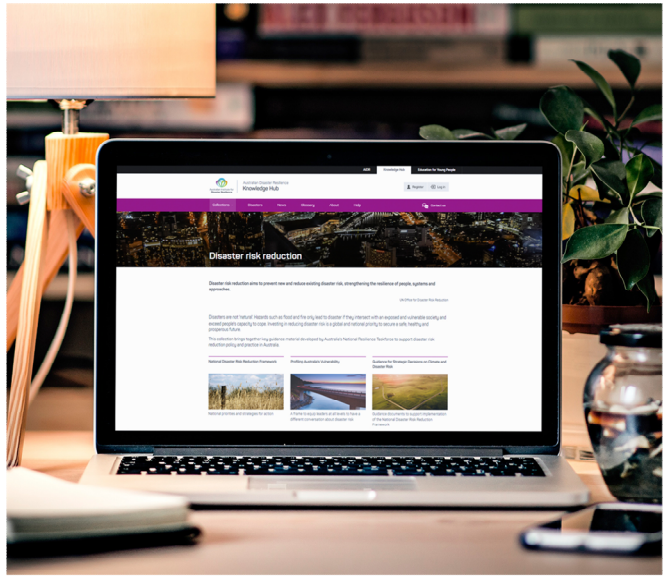
1. The rise of disaster risk reduction

Disasters are not '**natural**'. Hazards, such as flood and fire, only lead to disaster if they intersect with an **exposed** and **vulnerable** society and exceed people's **capacity to cope**.



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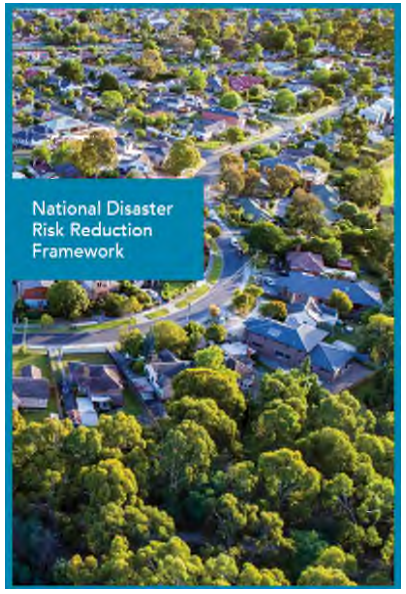

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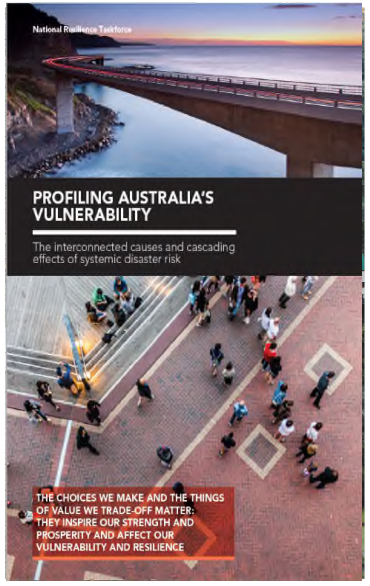
2. Focus shift from hazard to vulnerability

- Understanding disaster risk is more than understanding hazards
- *Profiling Australia's Vulnerability* report looks at interconnected causes and cascading effects of disaster risk



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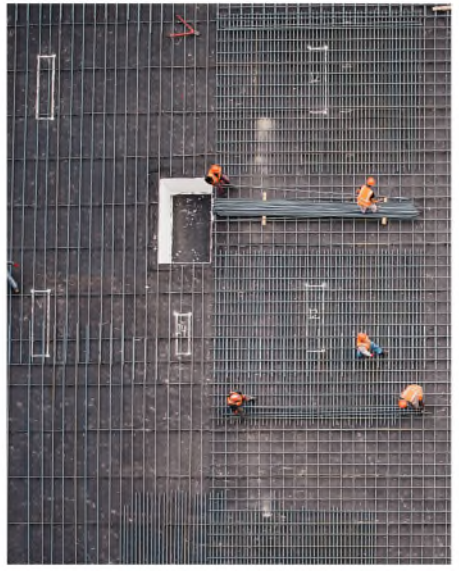
3. Build back better, build to last

- Standards and Codes provide minimum requirements
- Systems such as residential sprinklers are improving the resilience of buildings
- Recovery is an opportunity to rebuild for greater resilience



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4. Community-centred, community-led

"Every community is **unique** and will have its own **history**, **values** and **experiences**. They will also have their own **distinct challenges**."

– National Principles for Disaster Recovery

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5. The role of the business community

"Every business has capabilities that can help communities prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from disasters"

– Renae Hanvin

Corporate2Community

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6. Cross-sector collaboration

"The complexity of the situation calls for different partnerships"

– Lee McDougall

Insurance Australia Group

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7. Indigenous knowledge

- Traditional Owners have been adapting and responding to climate and disasters in Australia for 60,000 years
- Learning from cultural burning practices and caring for country

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8. The convergence of climate and disaster risk

"The risk landscape is **changing quickly** and we need to break from business as usual"

– Australian Government

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9. Valuing the less tangible

"Communities are not the sum of their roads, schools and malls. They are the sum of their **relationships**."

– Daniel Aldrich

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10. Young people with voice and agency

"It's always good to help out the community."

- Authentic learning about hazards and risk, informed by experts
- Innovating, sharing solutions and participating in local action

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