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STREAM 3 WORKSHOP 1

Community experiences of the Qld and NSW floods: exploring the research findings for policy and practice

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WORKSHOP OBJECTIVE

Unpack key themes and implications from the research, to find out:

- what they mean for individuals, agencies, sectors, and
- what can each of us do (individually and together) to address them.

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Key themes

Mel – Emotional Impacts:

- Managing the long-term psychological impacts of an increasingly complex disaster landscape

Anne – Clean Up:

- Managing the challenges of the clean-up. Renegotiating relationships with possessions, dealing with looting and scavenging, the impacts of untrained and overzealous helpers, and an appeal for support with help literacy

Heather – Flood Data:

- issues with accessibility to good quality data, trust in the accuracy of data for local flood risk management, and ongoing flood literacy issues

Mike – Localised Perspective:

- The need for focus at the local level and inclusion of local knowledge. Rejection of official information due to lack of local relevance. Having local knowledge rejected

Kat – Community Responders

- The changing role of communities and integration into emergency management. The good and bad impacts of disaster on communities, and communities planning for future response

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Choose which theme you want to unpack

Join with your theme facilitator – they will provide further context

Join the conversation to address four key questions – to feedback to the rest of the group:

1. What does this theme mean to you?
2. What do you see as key opportunities and barriers to addressing issues?
3. What can you, your agency/organisation, your sector do to address or respond to the issues?
4. Are you aware of any current initiatives working to address these issues?

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Next Steps

Do you want to continue this work?

Become a member of an **interagency working group**:

- To further contextualise the research findings for policy and practice

Please add your contact details to Slido.

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