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What was I asked to Do?



Create a vision for Recovery in WA

that was broader than just roads, bridges and WANDRRA – one that balanced the built, economic, environmental issues with the psycho-social, health and well-being of individuals and communities.

‘Roads get fixed – people recover’

First things first

Read – Kealty, Ferguson, past events, lessons learnt

Listen and consult

Learn

Add my little bit of experience and intuition!



Vision for Recovery in WA

1) We need to change the relationship!

- LG's responsible for recovery – no change
- But - Resilience of people ↓
 - Trust of leaders/institutions ↓
 - Expectations ↑
- Recovery will often out strip LG capabilities
- State must be ready and willing to act
- Create the culture/relationships that leads to success



Vision for Recovery in WA (Continued...)

2) LG 'Leader' (LG, CEO, President) is my key customer for recovery

- What does this mean?
- State has a 'customer focus' for recovery
- Services by State are 'tailored' to customer 'needs'
- Better support, not just advice
- Working in partnership – services are seamless

Vision for Recovery in WA (Continued...)

3) Open acknowledgement of capability gaps

- Wide variance between LG's
- State to be ready to support but never 'take over' – work in partnership
- SRC to have access to State resources (people and funds) in a disaster, and be ready to deploy on demand



Vision for Recovery in WA (Continued...)

4) Greater focus on people and communities

- **WANDRRA has far too long been seen as the only piece in recovery**
- **We need to put more effort into the resilience and recovery of people and communities – some claimable under WANDRRA but only scratches the surface! Must be community led.**
- **Roads get fixed, people recover!**

What do I need to focus on?



1. Close out projects identified from previous events as being critical for effective recovery, and prior to next 'season'.

- It won't be pretty but it will be our best shot!**

2. Be ready to ACT by 2017/18 season

- Listen, consult, learn, review, update during next 'season'**

- Into policy, signed-off, training and exercising after 'seasons' end**

WANDRRA

- **Complex, confusing, frustrating and changing!**
- **Use your 'customer relationship' with us – get clarity and assurance before doing anything! We are here to help.**
- **Roads are critical but think community resilience as well**

Key Points



- **LG still responsible for recovery**
- **But lets acknowledge State does have a role**
- **No surprises – consultative, open, honest**
- **Lets work in partnership – its far more effective**
- **Lets put more into people and communities**
- **Lets make WA envied for its Recovery Operations.**



Questions