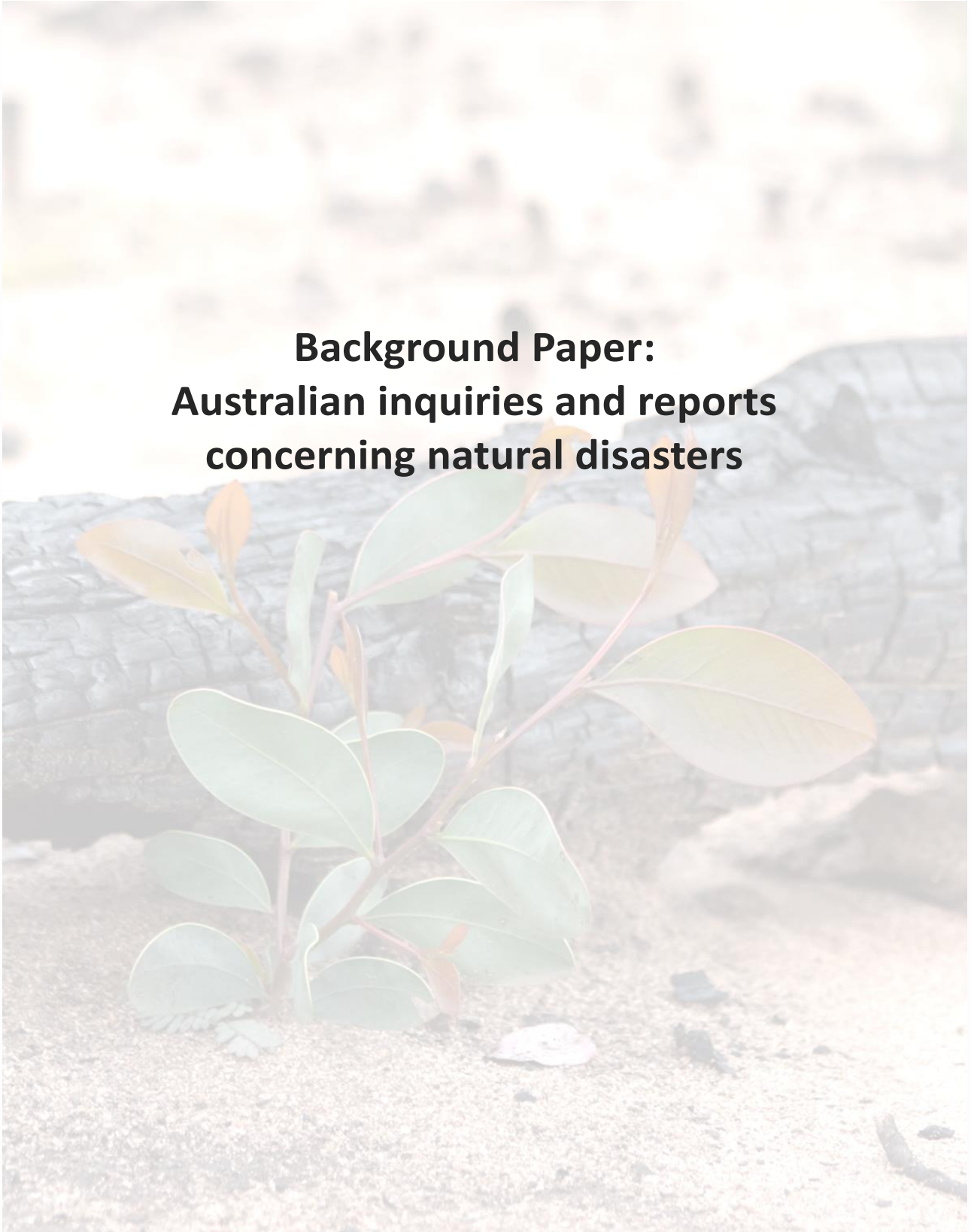




Royal Commission
into National Natural
Disaster Arrangements

**Background Paper:
Australian inquiries and reports
concerning natural disasters**



The Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements was established on 20 February 2020 in response to the extreme bushfire season of 2019-20 which resulted in devastating loss of life, property and wildlife, and environmental destruction across the nation.

The Letters Patent for the Royal Commission set out the terms of reference and formally appoint Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin AC (Retd), the Honourable Dr Annabelle Bennett AC SC and Professor Andrew Macintosh as Royal Commissioners.

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Term of Reference (e):

We direct you... to have regard to ... the findings and recommendations (including any assessment of the adequacy and extent of their implementation) of other reports and inquiries that you consider relevant, including any available State or Territory inquiries relating to the 2019-2020 bushfire season, to avoid duplication wherever possible.

Inquiries into the 2019-2020 bushfire season

This Royal Commission follows a disastrous season of fires in Australia – what has been called the ‘Black Summer’ of 2019-2020. These were not the first fires to cross state borders, but the extent of their impact on the environment and Australian communities was the most extensive in living memory.

Four jurisdictions are currently conducting inquiries into the 2019-2020 bushfires: New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory. The Queensland Inspector-General Emergency Management delivered his report in February 2020.

While many inquiries have examined particular disasters or emergency management within one state, this is the first Royal Commission to focus on natural disasters from a national perspective and, in particular, national natural disaster coordination and accountability arrangements. The Royal Commission will not only consider the role of the Australian Government, but also how Australia might be better prepared and coordinated across jurisdictions to respond to bushfires and other natural disasters.

Past inquiries

The Royal Commission has, to date, identified 242 formal inquiries and reviews in Australia in relation to natural disasters—most commonly, fires—since the 1927 Royal Commission inquiry into bushfires in New South Wales. These inquiries varied in form and focus, however, their common objective was to identify the causes and consequences of disasters. Collectively, these reports have made thousands of recommendations and findings.

The 1939 Victorian Royal Commission, which examined fires that caused the death of 71 people, opened its report with an account of the effect of a long drought ‘aggravated by a severe hot, dry summer’:

The rich plains, denied their beneficent (sic) rains, lay bare and baking; and the forests, from the foothills to the alpine heights, were tinder. The soft carpet of the forest floor was gone; the bone-dry litter crackled underfoot; dry heat and hot dry winds worked upon a land already dry, to suck from it the last, least drop of moisture. Men who had lived their lives in the bush went their ways in the shadow of dread expectancy.¹

The more recent 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission examined the devastating Black Saturday fires that caused the death of 173 people and was said to be of ‘a scale and ferocity that tested human endurance’.²

Common themes

A number of recent inquiries have considered matters relevant to this Royal Commission’s work. Eighteen of these inquiries are set out at [Annexure A](#), along with links to any available government response and any formal assessment of the implementation of the recommendations.

Over 500 recommendations were made in these 18 reports, including recommendations concerning:

- agency organisation (for example, reforms to procedures or standards; funding arrangements)

¹ Victoria, *Royal Commission into the Causes of and Measure Taken to Prevent the Bush Fires of January, 1939*, Report of the Royal Commission (1939), 5.

² 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission, *Final Report Summary* (2010), vii.

- responsibility (for example, proposing further inquiries/audit/review; suggesting roles for different levels of government)
- hazard management and risk reduction (for example, improving land-use and building regulation; disaster risk management coverage; improving hazard reduction activities)
- coordination of responses (for example, interoperability of communications and warnings; inter-agency engagement).

These are by no means the only reports and recommendations to which this Royal Commission will have regard. In gathering information and analysing evidence, specific recommendations from a range of other previous inquiries are likely to be relevant. The Commission will consider these carefully.

The Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre has catalogued hundreds of inquiries and reviews about emergency management and natural hazards and sought to map comprehensively the recommendations made in recent reviews. Recommendations were categorised and 32 key themes identified. The research centre hoped that this project would help agencies better identify reforms that they might make while learning lessons from disasters in other jurisdictions. The centre's database of recommendations is available on its website.³ A list drawn from the centre's database is set out in Annexure B.

In a 2017 report about the research centre's project, the centre identified a 'significant number of parallel recommendations' made across many reports and a number of 'generic' recommendations that 'could have broader import for other jurisdictions'.⁴ The most common themes were:

- doctrine, plans, standards and legislative reform (200 recommendations)
- land use planning / development / building codes / regulation of building and refuges (81 recommendations)
- community warnings and communication (76 recommendations)
- emergency management agency organisation, management and authority (75 recommendations)
- Incident Management Teams (73 recommendations).

A number of recommendations called for national cooperation and consistency. For example, several reports had recommended federal and state government 'cooperation in pursuit of consistency of warning systems and terminology'.⁵ The centre observed that these recommendations are 'noteworthy because they elevate the goal of accurate and consistent community warnings and communication to the national scale, rather than a specific State jurisdiction'.⁶

Themes with the fewest recommendations included: the role of police (12 recommendations), role of business and industry (11), personal responsibility (9), occupational health and safety (9) and offences (3).

Next steps

This Royal Commission will have regard to, and build on, the extensive work of past and current inquiries, while seeking not to duplicate their efforts. The Commission continues to gather information and analyse evidence, and will not make findings or draw conclusions until it has completed this process.

³ Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC, *Disaster Inquiries: Data Discovery Resource* <<https://www.bnhcrc.com.au>>.

⁴ Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC, *Major post-event inquiries and reviews: review of recommendations* (December 2017) <<https://www.bnhcrc.com.au/publications/biblio/bnh-4392>>, 3.

⁵ *Ibid*, 18.

⁶ *Ibid*, 18.

Annexure A – Selection of recent reports

Year	Jurisdiction	Title	Type	Hazard	Government response	Assessments
2020	Queensland	Queensland Bushfires Review Report 2: 2019-20	Independent – Inspector-General Emergency Management	Bushfire	Queensland Government Response to Queensland Bushfires Review Report 2: 2019-20	No formal public assessment has been identified.
2018	NSW	Office of Emergency Management Review of the Bega Valley Fires	Independent	Bushfire	Government Response to the recommendations of the Bega Valley Fire Independent Review – June 2018	No formal public assessment has been identified.
2018	Queensland	The 2018 Queensland Bushfires Review Report 2: 2018-2019 IGEM clarification letter of 15 July 2019	Independent – Inspector-General Emergency Management	Bushfire	Response to the 2018 Queensland Bushfires Review Report	Queensland Bushfires Review Report 2: 2019-20
2017	Tasmania	Report of the Independent Review into the Tasmanian Floods of June and July 2016	Independent	Flood	No formal response identified.	Media Release 19 September 2018 - Progress on Blake Report
2016	Western Australia	Reframing Rural Fire Management: Report of the Special Inquiry into the January 2016 Waroona Fire	Independent	Bushfire	Media statement - 29 September 2016	Summary of the implementation progress of the Ferguson Report recommendations - June 2017 Summary of the implementation progress of the Ferguson Report recommendations - October 2017

						<p>Summary of the implementation progress of the Ferguson Report recommendations - February 2018</p> <p>Summary of the implementation progress of the Ferguson Report recommendations - April 2018</p> <p>Summary of the implementation progress of the Ferguson Report recommendations - July 2018</p> <p>Summary of the implementation progress of the Ferguson Report recommendations - September 2018</p> <p>Summary of the implementation progress of the Ferguson Report recommendations - March 2019</p> <p>Summary of the implementation progress of the Ferguson Report recommendations - July 2019</p>
2016	Victoria	Review of Victoria's emergency management sector preparedness for major emergencies	Audit – Inspector-General for Emergency Management	All Hazard	Government response to the Inspector-General for Emergency Management's Review of Victoria's emergency management sector preparedness for major emergencies	Implementation of recommendations from IGEM system-wide reviews Progress Report 2018
2015	Federal	Administration of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements by Emergency Management Australia	Audit – Australian National Audit Office	All Hazards	Response contained within audit report.	No assessment identified.

2015	South Australia	AFAC Independent Operational Audit - South Australian Fires of January 2015	Independent Operational Audit	Bushfire	Response contained within audit report.	South Australian Country Fire Service Project Pinery; Findings of the Project Pinery review including the Lessons and Action Plan (April 2016)
2014	Federal	Emergency Defence Assistance to the Civil Community	Audit – Australian National Audit Office	All Hazards	Response contained within audit report.	No formal public assessment has been identified.
2013	Federal	Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements: Productivity Commission Inquiry Report	Independent – Productivity Commission	All Hazards	Australian Government response to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements	No formal public assessment has been identified.
2013	Federal	Recent trends in preparedness for extreme weather events	Parliamentary - Senate Environment and Communications References Committee	All Hazards	Australian Government response to the Senate Environment and Communications References Committee report: Recent trends in and preparedness for extreme weather events	No formal public assessment has been identified.
2013	ACT	Bushfire Preparedness	Audit – ACT Auditor General’s Office	Bushfire	Response contained within audit report.	No formal public assessment has been identified, but implementation announced in media release .
2012	Federal	Barriers to Effective Climate Change Adaptation: Productivity Commission Inquiry Report	Independent – Productivity Commission	All Hazards	Australian Government Response to the Productivity Commission report: Barriers to effective Climate Change Adaptation	No formal public assessment has been identified.

2012	Queensland	Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry Final Report Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry Interim Report	Commission of Inquiry	Flood	Queensland Government response to Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry Final Report Queensland Government response to Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry Interim Report	Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry Implementation Update 2015 Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry Implementation Update 2014 Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry Implementation Update 2013
2011	Federal	Natural Disaster Insurance Review: Inquiry into flood insurance and related matters	Independent	All Hazards	Government Response to NDIR Recommendations	No formal public assessment has been identified.
2010	Federal	The incidence and severity of bushfires across Australia	Parliamentary - Senate Select Committee on Agriculture and Related Industries	Bushfire	Commonwealth response to the Senate Select Committee on Agriculture and Related Industries Report 'The incidence and severity of bushfires across Australia'	No formal public assessment has been identified.
2010	Victoria	The 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission - Final Report The 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission - Interim Report	Royal Commission	Bushfires	Implementing the Government's Response to the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission May 2011	Progress Report Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission: 1 August 2016 Progress Report Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission: 1 August 2015 Bushfires Royal Commission Implementation Monitor Annual Report July 2014 Bushfires Royal Commission Implementation Monitor Annual Report July 2013 Bushfires Royal Commission Implementation Monitor Final Report July 2012

						Bushfires Royal Commission Implementation Monitor Progress Report July 2011
2004	COAG	National Inquiry on Bushfire Mitigation and Management	Governments (Council of Australian Governments)	Bushfire	Council of Australian Governments, Response to the National Inquiry on Bushfire Mitigation and Management	No formal public assessment has been identified, but some implementation announced in media release .

Annexure B – List of Australian inquiries into natural disasters

No.	Year	Jurisdiction	Disaster	Inquiry Type	Title
1.	2020	QLD	Bushfire	Independent	Queensland Bushfires Review 2019-20
2.	2019	WA	Bushfire	Coronial	Karingal farming property
3.	2019	Tasmania	Bushfire	Independent	AFAC Independent Operational Review – Tasmanian Fires of December 2018 – March 2019
4.	2019	QLD	All Hazard	Governments	2019 Qld Review – Efficacy of Recovery Governance
5.	2019	QLD	Flood	Governments	2019-20 IGEM Qld Paradise Dam Preparedness review
6.	2019	VIC	All Hazard	Audit	2019 IGEM – Review of Emergency Management for high-risk Victorian communities
7.	2019	Federal	All Hazard	Inquiry	ACCC's Northern Australia Insurance inquiry
8.	2019	Federal	All Hazard	Audit	The Bureau of Meteorology's Delivery of Extreme Weather Services
9.	2018	QLD	Bushfire	Independent	2018 Queensland Bushfires Review Report
10.	2018	Federal	All Hazard	Inquiry	ACCC's Northern Australia Insurance inquiry
11.	2018	NSW	Bushfire	Independent	Office of Emergency Management Review of the Bega Valley Fires
12.	2017	VIC	Bushfire	Parliamentary	Parliamentary Inquiry into Fire Season Preparedness
13.	2017	TAS	Flood	Governments	Tasmanian Flood Recovery: from FLOODS into RECOVERY
14.	2017	TAS	Flood	Independent	Independent Review into the Tasmanian Floods of June and July 2016
15.	2017	TAS	Bushfire	Independent	Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Bushfire and Climate Change Research Project
16.	2017	SA	Storm	Independent	Port Augusta Generator Failure Investigation Report
17.	2017	SA	Storm	Independent	Independent Review of the Extreme Weather Event South Australia 28 September - 5 October 2016
18.	2017	QLD	All hazard	Audit	Review of capability at a district and local level - Mackay disaster district
19.	2017	QLD	All hazard	Audit	Review of capability at a district and local level

No.	Year	Jurisdiction	Disaster	Inquiry Type	Title
20.	2017	VIC	All Hazard	Audit	Review of Victoria's emergency management sector preparedness for major emergencies
21.	2017	VIC	All Hazard	Audit	2017 IGEM Review of Incident Management Teams: Accreditation and Rostering
22.	2017	NSW	Flood	Inquiry	NSW 2017 Inquiry into the Lismore floods
23.	2016	TAS	All hazard	Governments	Tasmanian State Natural Disaster Risk Assessment 2016
24.	2016	NSW	All hazard	Audit	SES Management of Volunteers
25.	2016	TAS	Bushfire	Audit	Inquiry into the State Fire Commission
26.	2016	WA	Bushfire	Independent	Waroona Fire Special Inquiry
27.	2016	Federal	Bushfire	Parliamentary	Responses to, and lessons learnt from, the January and February 2016 bushfires in remote Tasmanian wilderness
28.	2016	VIC	All hazard	Audit	Review of Victoria's emergency management sector preparedness for major emergencies
29.	2016	TAS	Bushfire	Independent	AFAC Independent Operational Review of the Management of the Tasmanian fires of January 2016
30.	2016	TAS	All hazard	Audit	Ambulance emergency services
31.	2016	SA	Storm	Independent	Flinders Medical Centre Standby Power Electrical Systems Post Incident Review
32.	2016	SA	Bushfire	Independent	South Australian Country Fire Service Project Pinery
33.	2016	QLD	All hazard	Audit	Review of Seqwater and SunWater Warnings Communications
34.	2016	NSW	Storm	Agency	June 2016 East Coast Low
35.	2016	NSW	Bushfire	Parliamentary	Wambelong fire inquiry evidence
36.	2016	WA	Bushfire	Agency	Major Incident Review of the Esperance District Fires DFES
37.	2015	WA	All hazard	Audit	Support and Preparedness of Fire and Emergency Services Volunteers
38.	2015	SA	Bushfire	Independent	AFAC Independent Operational Audit - South Australian Fires of January 2015
39.	2015	QLD	All hazard	Audit	Review of state agency integration at a local and district level

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40.	2015	Federal	All hazard	Audit	Administration of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements by Emergency Management Australia
41.	2015	VIC	All hazard	Audit	Emergency Service Response Times
42.	2015	WA	Bushfire	Agency	Major Incident Review of the Lower Hotham and O'Sullivan fires DFES
43.	2015	VIC	Bushfire	Audit	Review of the initial response to the 2015 Wye River – Jamieson Track fire
44.	2015	QLD	Storm	Audit	Review of cyclone and storm tide sheltering arrangements
45.	2015	QLD	Flood	Audit	Callide Creek Flood Review
46.	2015	QLD	Bushfire	Audit	Bushfire prevention and preparedness (Report 10: 2014-15)
47.	2015	QLD	All hazard	Audit	Review of local governments' emergency warning capability
48.	2015	NSW	Storm	Agency	East Coast Storm and Flood - April 2015
49.	2015	QLD	All hazard	Audit	Review of state agency integration at a local and district level
50.	2015	VIC	Bushfire	Inquiry	2015 Independent Investigation of the Lancefield-Cobaw Fire
51.	2014	VIC	All hazard	Audit	Emergency Response ICT Systems
52.	2014	VIC	All hazard	Audit	Managing Emergency Service Volunteers
53.	2014	NSW	Bushfire	Agency	2013 Blue Mountains Bushfire
54.	2014	Federal	All hazard	Independent	Productivity Commission Inquiry Into National Disaster Funding Arrangements
55.	2014	Federal	All hazard	Audit	Emergency Defence Assistance to the Civil Community
56.	2014	NSW	Bushfire	Coronial	Coronial Inquest into the Warrumbungle Bushfire
57.	2014	NSW	Bushfire	Parliamentary	Wambelong fire (Inquiry)
58.	2014	Federal	Bushfire	Independent	Commission of Inquiry appointed into the fire at Marrangaroo Training Area
59.	2014	WA	Bushfire	Agency	Parkerville Stoneville Mt Helena Bushfire Review

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60.	2014	Federal	All hazard	Independent	Productivity Commission Inquiry into National Disaster Funding Arrangements
61.	2014	NSW	All hazard	Audit	SES Management of Volunteers
62.	2014	NSW	Bushfire	Coronial	Coronial Inquest into the Warrumbungle Bushfire
63.	2013	ACT	Bushfire	Audit	Bushfire Preparedness
64.	2013	QLD	All hazard	Independent	Police and Community Safety Review
65.	2013	VIC	Flood	Audit	Flood Relief and Recovery
66.	2013	TAS	Bushfire	Independent	Tasmanian Bushfires Inquiry
67.	2013	NSW	All hazard	Independent	Independent Hazard Reduction Audit Panel
68.	2013	Federal	All hazard	Audit	The Preparation and Delivery of the Natural Disaster Recovery Work Plans for Queensland and Victoria
69.	2013	Federal	All hazard	Parliamentary	Recent trends in and preparedness for extreme weather events
70.	2013	QLD	Bushfire	Governments	The Malone Review into the Rural Fire Service
71.	2013	WA	Bushfire	Agency	Report into the fatal bushfire at Albany: Major Incident Review for the Black Cat Creek fire 12 October 2012 (inquiry into death of Wendy Bearfoot)
72.	2013	WA	Bushfire	Coronial	Coroner's inquest into the fatal bushfire at Albany
73.	2013	Federal	Flood	Audit	The Australian Government Reconstruction Inspectorate's Conduct of Value for Money Reviews of Flood Reconstruction Projects in Victoria
74.	2013	NSW	Flood	Agency	Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley Flood Management Review Stage One
75.	2013	TAS	All hazard	Audit	Government Radio Communications
76.	2013	Federal	Flood	Audit	The Australian Government Reconstruction Inspectorate's Conduct of Value for Money Reviews of Flood Reconstruction Projects in Queensland
77.	2013	Federal	All hazard	Parliamentary	Spectrum for public safety mobile broadband
78.	2013	QLD	All hazard	Audit	Queensland Ambulance Service performance

No.	Year	Jurisdiction	Disaster	Inquiry Type	Title
79.	2013	WA	All hazard	Audit	Delivering WA's Ambulance Services
80.	2013	VIC	Bushfire	Agency	Report into the Harrietville Fire
81.	2013	VIC	All hazard	Audit	Management of Unplanned Leave in Emergency Services
82.	2013	SA	All hazard	Parliamentary	Community Safety and Emergency Services in South Australia
83.	2013	SA	All hazard	Independent	Review of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005
84.	2013	TAS	Bushfire	Audit	AFAC Audit-Review: The Tasmania Fires of January 2013
85.	2013	Federal	All Hazard	Parliamentary	Recent trends in and preparedness for extreme weather events
86.	2013	VIC	Bushfire	Governments	2013-14 Fire Season Compliance Report – Inspector-General for Emergency Management
87.	2013	VIC	Flood	Audit	Flood Relief and Recovery
88.	2012	QLD	Flood	Coronial	Inquest into the deaths caused by the South-East Queensland floods of January 2011
89.	2012	NT	Bushfire	Agency	Review of the Operations of Bushfires NT
90.	2012	SA	Bushfire	Independent	Case Study of the 2007 Kangaroo Island Bushfires
91.	2012	QLD	Flood	Royal Commission	Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry
92.	2012	Federal	All hazard	Independent	Review of the Bureau of Meteorology's extreme weather and seasonal forecasting capacity
93.	2012	Federal	All hazard	Independent	Barriers to Effective Climate Change Adaptation
94.	2012	VIC	Bushfire	Agency	2011/12 Post Bushfire Season Review Report
95.	2012	Federal	All hazard	Parliamentary	Inquiry into the operation of the insurance industry during disaster events
96.	2012	VIC	Bushfire	Agency	Westmeadows Grassfire
97.	2012	WA	Bushfire	Agency	Post Incident Analysis Blackwood Fire 8
98.	2012	WA	Bushfire	Agency	Major Incidence Review Black Cat Creek Fire
99.	2012	WA	Bushfire	Parliamentary	Inquiry into the State's preparedness for this year's fire season

No.	Year	Jurisdiction	Disaster	Inquiry Type	Title
100.	2012	WA	Bushfire	Independent	Appreciating the Risk: Report of the Special Inquiry into the November 2011 Margaret River Bushfire
101.	2012	WA	All hazard	Parliamentary	The Toll of Trauma on Western Australian Emergency Staff and Volunteers
102.	2012	WA	All hazard	Audit	Second Public Sector Performance Report 2012
103.	2012	VIC	Flood	Agency	North East Victoria Flood Review
104.	2012	VIC	Flood	Parliamentary	Inquiry into Flood Mitigation Infrastructure in Victoria
105.	2012	VIC	Flood	Agency	Gippsland Flood Event - Review of Flood Warnings and Information Systems
106.	2012	NT	Bushfire	Agency	Review of the Operations of Bushfire NT
107.	2011	TAS	Bushfire	Audit	Auditor-General Report on Bushfire Management
108.	2011	SA	Bushfire	Parliamentary	Natural Resources Committee Bushfire Inquiry
109.	2011	QLD	Bushfire	Parliamentary	Management of Rural Fire Services in Queensland
110.	2011	VIC	All hazard	Agency	Towards a More Disaster Resilient Victoria: Green Paper Options and Issues. Government of Victoria.
111.	2011	WA	Bushfire	Independent	Shared Responsibility: The Report of the Perth Hills Bushfire February 2011 Review.
112.	2011	VIC	Flood	Independent	The review of the 2010-11 Flood Warnings and Response
113.	2011	Federal	All hazard	Parliamentary	The capacity of communication networks and emergency warning systems to deal with emergencies and natural disasters
114.	2011	Federal	All hazard	Parliamentary	The asset insurance arrangements of Australian state governments
115.	2011	Federal	All hazard	Independent	Natural Disaster Insurance Review
116.	2011	WA	Bushfire	Agency	Post Incident Analysis For Blackwood Fire 11
117.	2011	WA	Bushfire	Parliamentary	Western Australia's Readiness for the 2011-12 Bushfire Season
118.	2011	QLD	All hazard	Audit	National Partnership Agreement for Natural Disaster Reconstruction and Recovery
119.	2011	VIC	Bushfire	Agency	Review of the February 2011 Tostaree Fire

No.	Year	Jurisdiction	Disaster	Inquiry Type	Title
120.	2011	VIC	Bushfire	Agency	Fire Services Commissioner review of Community Bushfire Warnings
121.	2011	WA	Bushfire	Independent	Major Incident Review: Lake Clifton, Red Hill and Roleystone Fires June 2011.
122.	2011	Federal	Flood	Agency	Inquiry into flood insurance and related matters. Natural Disaster Insurance Review.
123.	2011	QLD	Flood	Inquiry	Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry Interim Report
124.	2010	Federal	All hazard	Agency	Working Better Together: An NGO perspective on improving Australia's coordination in disaster response
125.	2010	Federal	All hazard	Audit	Emergency Management and Community Recovery Assistance in Centrelink
126.	2010	Federal	Bushfire	Parliamentary	The incidence of bushfires across Australia. Senate Select Committee on Agriculture and Related Industries.
127.	2010	Federal	All hazard	Parliamentary	The incidence and severity of bushfires across Australia
128.	2010	VIC	Bushfire	Royal Commission	Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission - Final Report
129.	2010	WA	Bushfire	Independent	A Review of the Ability of the Department of Environment and Conservation Western Australia to Manage Major Fires
130.	2010	WA	Bushfire	Independent	Major Incident Review of Toodyay Fire December 2009
131.	2010	VIC	All hazard	Audit	Business Continuity Management in Local Government
132.	2010	VIC	All hazard	Audit	The Department of Human Services' Role in Emergency Recovery
133.	2009	WA	Bushfire	Agency	Review of Western Australia's Bushfire Preparedness
134.	2009	WA	Bushfire	Agency	Bridgetown Complex Post Incident Analysis
135.	2009	WA	Bushfire	Coronial	Record of Investigation into Death (2007 Boorabin fires)
136.	2009	WA	All hazard	Audit	Coming Ready or Not: Preparing for Large-scale Emergencies
137.	2009	VIC	Bushfire	Agency	Operational debrief report 2008/09 fire season
138.	2009	QLD	All hazard	Independent	Report on a Review of Disaster Management Legislation and Policy in Queensland

No.	Year	Jurisdiction	Disaster	Inquiry Type	Title
139.	2009	ACT	All hazard	Audit	Delivery of Ambulance Services to the ACT Community
140.	2009	Federal	All hazard	Audit	Business Continuity Management and Emergency Management in Centrelink
141.	2009	Federal	All hazard	Governments	Recommendations on the Role of AEMO and the Effectiveness of Current Gas and Electricity Emergency Arrangements
142.	2009	NSW	Bushfire	Agency	Review of Bushfire Arson Laws
143.	2009	NSW	Flood	Independent	Recovery Coordinator's Report of the Mid North and Far North Coast Flood Recovery May 2009
144.	2009	VIC	Bushfire	Royal Commission	Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission Interim Report
145.	2009	Federal	All hazard	Independent	Offshore Petroleum Safety Regulation
146.	2008	Federal	All hazard	Audit	Emergency Management Australia
147.	2008	Federal	All hazard	Parliamentary	Inquiry into climate change and environmental impacts on coastal communities
148.	2008	VIC	Cyclone-windstorm	Agency	Review of the April 2008 Windstorm
149.	2008	VIC	Bushfire	Parliamentary	Inquiry into the Impact of Public Land Management Practices on Bushfires in Victoria
150.	2008	SA	Bushfire	Coronial	Wangary Fires Inquest
151.	2008	SA	All hazard	Agency	Volunteer Administrative Workload Review
152.	2008	SA	All hazard	Independent	Review of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005
153.	2008	ACT	All hazard	Parliamentary	ACT Fire and Emergency Services Arrangements
154.	2008	Federal	All hazard	Parliamentary	Inquiry into the Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and related matters
155.	2008	QLD	Bushfire	Audit	Management of Rural Fire Services in Queensland
156.	2007	WA	All hazard	Parliamentary	Inquiry into Western Australia's Natural Disaster Relief Arrangements
157.	2007	VIC	Bushfire	Independent	Operational Review of Major Fires in Victoria 2006/07 Ross Smith Report

No.	Year	Jurisdiction	Disaster	Inquiry Type	Title
158.	2007	SA	Bushfire	Governments	Ministerial Review of Bushfire Management in South Australia
159.	2007	QLD	Cyclone-windstorm	Independent	The Final Report of the Operation Recovery Task Force: Severe Tropical Cyclone Larry
160.	2007	VIC	Bushfire	Coronial	Record of Investigation into Death (Ararat Road Block).
161.	2007	TAS	All hazard	Independent	Tasmanian Medical Retrieval Services External Review
162.	2007	SA	Bushfire	Coronial	Inquests into the deaths of [9 named people] (2005 Eyre Peninsula, Wangarry fires)
163.	2007	QLD	All hazard	Audit	Audit of the Queensland Disaster Management and business continuity planning
164.	2006	ACT	Bushfire	Coronial	The Canberra Firestorm: Inquests and Inquiry into Four Deaths and Four Fires between 8 and 18 January 2003 Volume 1 & Volume 2
165.	2006	Federal	Tsunami	Parliamentary	Inquiry into Australia's response to the Indian Ocean Tsunami
166.	2006	VIC	All hazard	Agency	Emergency Management Discussion Paper. Department of Justice.
167.	2006	VIC	Bushfire	Independent	Fire Season Debrief Outcomes Report 2005/06
168.	2006	WA	All hazard	Parliamentary	Inquiry into Fire and Emergency Services Legislation
169.	2005	VIC	Bushfire	Agency	Examination of Prescribed Burning Practices
170.	2005	NSW	All hazard	Audit	Coordination of State Rescue Services
171.	2005	Federal	All hazard	Governments	Review of Australia's Ability to Respond to and Recover From Catastrophic Disasters
172.	2005	VIC	Flood	Audit	Managing Stormwater Flooding Risks in Melbourne
173.	2005	VIC	All hazard	Agency	Improving Emergency Response at Melbourne Airport
174.	2005	SA	Bushfire	Parliamentary	Eyre Peninsula Bushfire and Native Vegetation
175.	2005	NSW	Bushfire	Independent	Statutory Review of the Rural Fires Act 1997
176.	2005	Federal	Tsunami	Independent	Tsunamis - Does anyone have to die?

No.	Year	Jurisdiction	Disaster	Inquiry Type	Title
177.	2004	Federal	Bushfire	Governments	National Inquiry on Bushfire Mitigation and Management.
178.	2004	WA	Bushfire	Audit	Responding to Major Bushfires
179.	2004	NSW	All hazard	Parliamentary	Ambulance Service of NSW: Readiness to respond (Inquiry)
180.	2004	NSW	Bushfire	Parliamentary	Fire Services Funding (Inquiry)
181.	2004	QLD	All hazard	Audit	Audit of the Queensland Disaster Management System
182.	2004	WA	Bushfire	Coronial	Ocean Farm Fires Coronial Inquiry
183.	2004	WA	Bushfire	Coronial	Tenterden and Mt Barker Fires Coronial Inquiry
184.	2003	VIC	Bushfire	Agency	Inquiry into the 2002-2003 Victorian Bushfires
185.	2003	ACT	Bushfire	Independent	The Report of the Bushfire Recovery Taskforce
186.	2003	ACT	Bushfire	Independent	The Inquiry into the Operational Response to the January 2003 Bushfires
187.	2003	VIC	Bushfire	Audit	Fire Prevention and Preparedness
188.	2003	TAS	All hazard	Parliamentary	Report on Ambulance Services in Tasmania
189.	2003	SA	All hazard	Independent	Review of the Emergency Services Sector (Dawkins Review)
190.	2003	NSW	Bushfire	Coronial	Inquiry into the Circumstances of the Fire(s) in the Brindabella Range in January 2003
191.	2003	Federal	All hazard	Audit	Business Continuity Management Follow-on Audit
192.	2003	Federal	All hazard	Audit	Business Continuity Management and Emergency Management in Centrelink
193.	2003	Federal	Bushfire	Parliamentary	A Nation Charred: Inquiry into the Recent Australian Bushfires
194.	2003	ACT	All hazard	Audit	Emergency Services
195.	2002	NSW	Bushfire	Parliamentary	Inquiry into the 2001/2002 Bushfires
196.	2002	Federal	All hazard	Governments	Natural Disasters in Australia: Reforming mitigation, relief and recovery arrangements
197.	2002	VIC	Bushfire	Coronial	Inquest into the Linton Wildfire

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198.	2001	NSW	All hazard	Audit	Readiness to Respond - 2001 Reports (Inquiry into the Ambulance Service)
199.	2001	NSW	Bushfire	Coronial	Inquiry into the Fire at Mt Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park
200.	2001	NSW	Bushfire	Audit	Follow up of Performance Audits: Police response to calls for assistance, The levying and collection of land tax, Coordination of bushfire fighting activities
201.	2000	QLD	Bushfire	Independent	Fire Safety and Budget Accommodation: The Building and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2001
202.	2000	NSW	Bushfire	Parliamentary	NSW Rural Fire Service
203.	2000	Federal	Flood	Agency	Consumer Understanding of Flood Insurance
204.	2000	Federal	All hazard	Audit	Commonwealth Emergency Management Arrangements
205.	1999	VIC	Bushfire	Agency	Reducing the Risk of Entrapment in Wildfires: A Case Study of the Linton Fire
206.	1998	NSW	Bushfire	Audit	The Coordination of Bushfire Fighting Activities
207.	1996	NSW	Bushfire	Coronial	Inquiry into the cause and origin of the bushfires occurring in New South Wales between 31 Dec, 1993 and 14 Jan, 1994 and Inquests into the manner and cause of death of Norman John Anthes, Robert Eglinton Page, William John Roach and Pauline Mary O'Neil
208.	1995	ACT	Bushfire	Independent	Glenn Bushfire Taskforce
209.	1994	WA	Bushfire	Independent	Report of the Fire Review Panel Conducting a Review of the Department of Conservation and Land Management's (CALM) prescribed burning policy and practices and – "Wildfire Threat Analysis" – major conflagrations report
210.	1994	Federal	All hazard	Parliamentary	Disaster Management
211.	1994	NSW	Bushfire	Parliamentary	The report of the Select Committee on Bushfires – COAG Bushfire Inquiry
212.	1994	QLD	Bushfire	Independent	Audit of bushfire strategies: Queensland Emergency Services
213.	1994	ACT	Bushfire	Independent	McBeth review of bushfire hazard reduction practices
214.	1994	TAS	Bushfire	Independent	Review of Vegetation-Based Fire in Tasmania - major conflagrations report

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215.	1993	TAS	Bushfire	Independent	Bushfire management in Tasmania's forests : an audit of the fire management activities of the Forestry Commission
216.	1993	QLD	All hazard	Independent	Review of the Bureau of Emergency Services
217.	1993	ACT	All hazard	Independent	MacDonald review of emergency services
218.	1991-2	NSW	All hazard	Parliamentary	Coastal planning and management in NSW: The process for the future
219.	1992	ACT	All hazard	Independent	Purdon Report
220.	1991	ACT	All hazard	Independent	Hannan Group review of the effectiveness of fire and emergency service organisations
221.	1989	NSW	All hazard	Parliamentary	Coastal development in NSW: Public concerns and government processes
222.	1988	ACT	All hazard	Independent	Purdue Report on management training
223.	1985	WA	All hazard	Independent	Review of emergency services
224.	1985	SA	Bushfire	Independent	Review of electricity distribution policies in bushfire prone and environmentally sensitive areas
225.	1984	Federal	Bushfire	Parliamentary	Bushfires and the Australian Environment
226.	1984	Federal	Bushfire	Parliamentary	The 1982/83 Bushfires: Implications for national cooperation and coordination based on direct State and Territory forest service experience major conflagrations report
227.	1984	VIC	Bushfire	Independent	Report of the Bushfire Review Committee on bushfire preparedness in Victoria, Australia, following the Ash Wednesday fires 16 February 1983
228.	1983	VIC	Bushfire	Agency	A Study of Civilian Deaths in the 1983 Ash Wednesday Bushfires Victoria, Australia.
229.	1983	VIC	Bushfire	Agency	Fire protection and fuel-reduction burning in Victoria
230.	1983	SA	Bushfire	Independent	Report of the Review Team on the South Australian bushfires
231.	1983	SA	All hazard	Agency	Final report and recommendations of the State Disaster Plan (Welfare) Review Committee
232.	1983	NSW	Bushfire	Coronial	Inquiry into a fire at Royal National Park, Grays Point
233.	1977	VIC	Bushfire	Parliamentary	Report of the Board of Inquiry into the occurrence of bush and grass fires in Victoria

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234.	1974	NT	Bushfire	Independent	A report arising from an enquiry into the Northern Territory fire service
235.	1973	VIC	Flood	Parliamentary	Northern River flooding inquiry, 1973 : evidence presented to Victorian Parliamentary Public Works Committee
236.	1971	NSW	Flood	Agency	Inter-Departmental Committee of Inquiry into Nepean-Hawkesbury Flood Problems. Interim and Final report
237.	1967	TAS	Bushfire	Governments	Fire Prevention and Suppression – Report of Committee appointed by His Excellency the Administrator-in-Council to make recommendations with respect to future measures in consequences of the Bush Fire Disaster of 7th February, 1967
238.	1961	WA	Bushfire	Royal Commission	Royal Commission appointed to enquire into and report upon the bush fires of December, 1960 and January, February and March, 1961 in Western Australia. The measures necessary or desirable to prevent and control such fires and to protect life and property
239.	1957	NSW	Flood	Independent	Report on the River Murray flood problem (with particular reference to the 1956 flood)
240.	1944	VIC	Bushfire	Royal Commission	Royal Commission to inquire into the place of origin and the causes of the fires which commenced at Yallourn on the 14th day of February 1944
241.	1939	VIC	Bushfire	Royal Commission	Royal Commission to inquire into the causes of and measures taken to prevent the bush fires of January 1939 and to protect life and property and the measures to be taken to prevent bush fires in Victoria and to protect life and property in the event of future bush fires.
242.	1927	NSW	Bushfire	Royal Commission	Royal Commission of Inquiry on Bush Fires in the State of New South Wales