



Resilience Matters webinar series

What we miss when we say 'disproportionate' – a 4-pillar lens on Indigenous disaster resilience Webinar chat summary

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Questions, comments and shared resources

- I didn't realise that returned soldiers couldn't transmit their homes to their descendants.
- These examples make me sad and mad, however, they have been presented in a way that I think I can share with others and they might get a better understanding
- A lot of governance and systems are impenetrably white
- In addition to the National Climate Risk Assessment report, there is the Climate Risks to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Report
<https://www.acs.gov.au/documents/b261f65996d9427da1c1aff5c1abd4cb>
There's also a more detailed Technical Report here:
<https://www.acs.gov.au/documents/af4c85634b8942e6b632bcc498ffabe0>
- On a tangent, in Aotearoa NZ we have 1000s of visitors from Australia, many of them in places highly vulnerable to natural hazards (e.g., skiers in Queenstown, trampers on the West Coast). As Maori we have systems we roll out in any event but a major seismic event could isolate 100s of Australians. At some point we should connect Maori and First Peoples EM operators to help coordinate in a response.
- I continue to be inspired by the work you and your team delivers to increase our awareness of Indigenous Disaster Resilience and the need to change the way we work with First Nations People. Your strength, resilience and determination for Mob is amazing. Thanks you
<https://girlsonfire.org.au/>
- Thank you for that 2022/2023 Murray River flood event. Living in this area, I can only agree with the harmony and 'working together' of the Government and other Agencies linking at this time. Traditional Owners flood recovery forum was a way we addressed the numerous govt agencies trying to contact the TO communities after the October 2022 floods.
https://www.deeca.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0020/693020/traditional-owner-flood-recovery-forum-report.pdf
- Following some natural disaster responses in Victoria, I understand we are now incorporating a specific Indigenous liaison / cultural advisor officer role into our Incident Management Teams for disaster recovery operations in Agriculture Victoria.



- We are really enjoying walking along with the Kowanyama kids, families and community through the Thriving Kids in Disaster program. Council initiated this relationship and it's connected with the Schools Up North program, and will be tied to the community's youth strategy. We love the work you all are doing with NIDR, Bhiamie

Appreciation (small sample)

- Appreciating the quality and significance of your presentation Bhiamie ... thank you
- Thanks for the excellent presentation, Bhiamie
- Thank you for sharing your time and knowledge with us Bhiamie
- Thank you for your truth-telling presentation, Bhiamie.
- Thanks Bhiamie for taking the time to present on this important topic. I appreciate the way in which you present information, think about the issues and share your thoughts. I love the idea of thinking about emergency management from a pre-colonisation perspective
- Thank you so much! Very insightful and your answer is in line with my thoughts, we're looking in NSW SES at how to better build relationships before floods in our community engagement roles.
- Legend - such an awesome presentation.
- Many thanks Bhiamie, very enlightening presentation
- Fantastic webinar, brilliant work Bhiamie, cannot be understated the importance
- Thank you! Fabulous discussion. Yes, would love to hear more in this space.
- Thank you Bhiamie. Looking forward to joining the community of practice to better understand how to implement this in our recovery work in the community legal centre

Links from webinar

AIDR webinar recording

This webinar recording and slides will be uploaded to the AIDR Knowledge Hub

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National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

<https://www.nema.gov.au/>

National Indigenous Disaster Resilience (NIDR)

<https://www.monash.edu/arts/social-sciences/national-indigenous-disaster-resilience>

National Climate Risk Assessment

<https://www.acs.gov.au/pages/41f9b35a4c7041c68d33ee41552b0dce>

Announcements

2024-2025 Major Incidents Report Showcase webinar – 1pm-2pm, 1 October 2025

Information and registration

https://afac.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sn_oB_H9S5WfzCnpVviKgA