Issues facing recovery:
National Recovery Workshop 2017
Melbourne, August 2017

80 people

Government
Community leaders
Private business
Community sector
Academia
Day 1

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Day 2

What is the problem?
Issues identified

• The formal recovery system and communities impacted by disasters need to be better connected.
• The existing evidence is not consistently used in recovery policy and practice.
• Recovery planning needs to be based on community consultation and inclusion prior to disaster events.
• Recovery needs to be better integrated with preparedness, response and broader resilience efforts.
• A nationally consistent approach to lessons management would improve recovery policy and practice.
Repeated themes

Definitions and indicators of successful recovery should be community focussed

Community members and local organisations need to be better included in recovery processes

Resources to plan recovery need to be available before a disaster
10 recommendations made
1. Resourcing should be available and identified for pre-disaster recovery planning.
Training in community development approaches should be available for emergency managers.
3. Recovery funding systems be more flexible and needs driven.
4.

Future recovery funding should be evidence based.
5. Funding to be made available for recovery research which has practice driven outputs.
BNHCRC needs to invest a larger portion of their available funds to recovery focussed research.
7.
Recovery research should be prioritised by jurisdictions.
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Recovery workforce needs to be able to have access to evidence based professional development, training and resources.
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AIDR to investigate recovery lessons sharing forums.
10.
States to advocate for recovery to be incorporated into emergency management exercises.
A year on, some good stuff is happening...
1. Resourcing should be available and identified for pre-disaster recovery planning.

NZ has appointed recovery managers across all regions.
3. Recovery funding systems be more flexible and needs driven.

NZ is working to change the way recovery projects are chosen and funded based on community need.
4. Future recovery funding should be evidence based.

- Development of a National Monitoring & Evaluation Framework for Disaster Recovery
- National Disaster Recovery Monitoring and Evaluation database
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- PFA continuous improvement
- Psychological screening tools for children
- Linking evidence of preparedness and long term recovery
- Assessment in gaps in services and resources for children <12 after disasters

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Range of new training focusing on recovery manager and workforce.
10.
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SA exercise looking into the recovery implications of a catastrophic event in Adelaide

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