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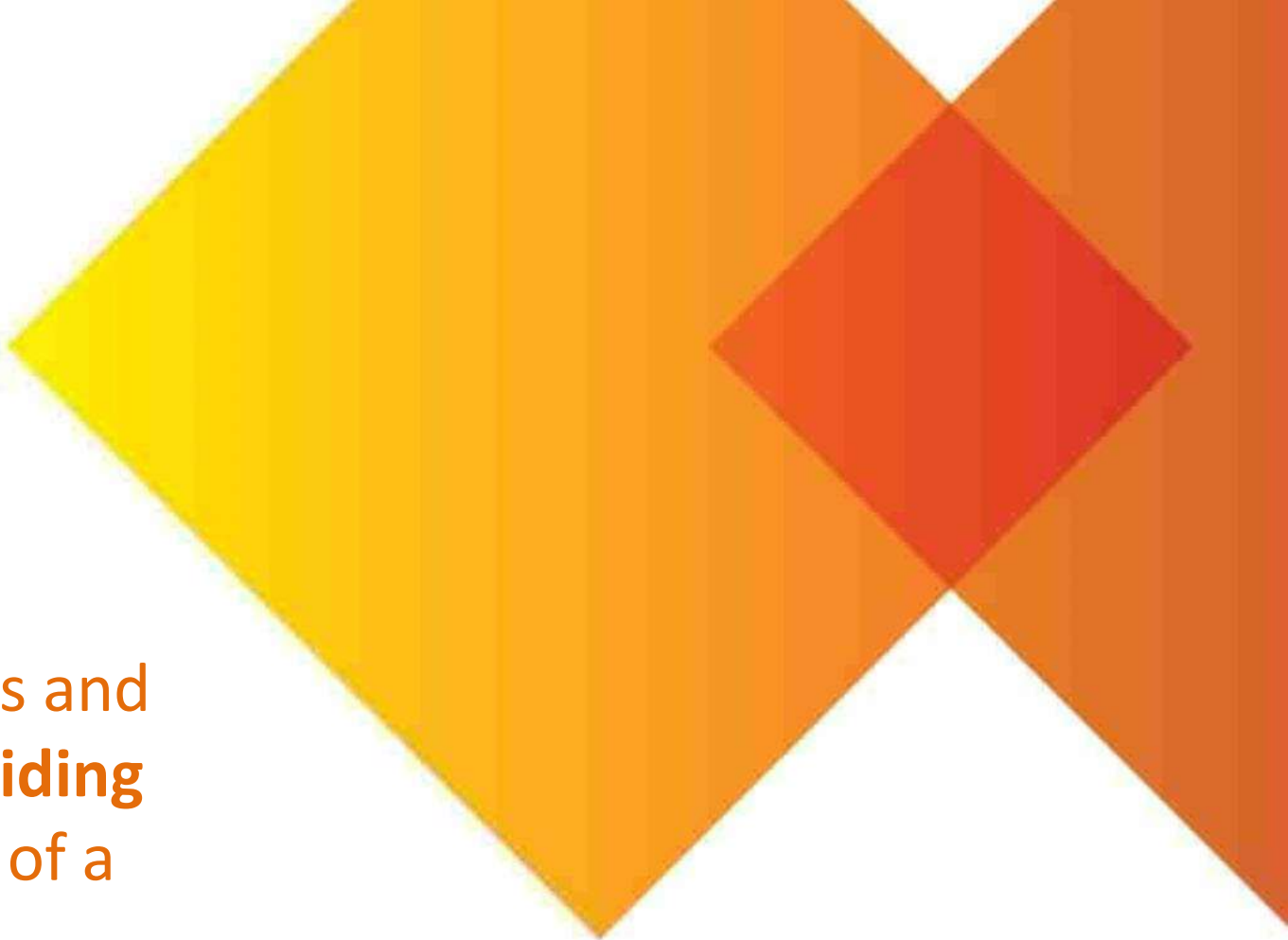
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Community First:

How Government, fire agencies and communities are **learning, deciding and adapting together** as part of a bushfire risk reduction system.

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Living with fire



A **significant change** is required in
the way government works **WITH**
communities to manage fire and
meet future **challenges**

Systems Change

REFLECTING SHIFTS IN:



MINDSET



BEHAVIOUR

Reimagining Bushfire Management

Collaboration

Community participation

Connection

Trust

Our Vision:
**Safer and more
resilient communities
and ecosystems**

Land and fire agencies **working together**

Combining in-depth **local knowledge** with
better **science, data** and **technology**

Community First: Working in **partnership**



UNDERSTANDING CHANGE: PERSON, PLACE & COMMUNITY

CHANGE = OPPORTUNITY
BUT it IS SCARY!



YOU GOTTA BREAK
a FEW EGGS TO
MAKE AN OMELETTE!



CHANGE is
EVERYWHERE

RECURRING
PROBLEMS
REQUIRE a
NEW
APPROACH



LEARNING TOGETHER



OK to EXPERIMENT
and FAIL!

SHARED ≠ EQUAL
RESPONSIBILITY



DECIDING TOGETHER

ADAPTING TOGETHER

AS WE CHANGE, SO
DOES the SYSTEM
... WE are NOT
SEPARATE!



IT WILL TAKE SOME
RELINQUISHING of
POWER and CONTROL



IT is an
EVOLUTION



STORY is a
POWERFUL
TOOL

Community Based Bushfire Management

A place-based, community development approach driven by community defined priorities

10 full time facilitators embedded in different land and fire agencies

Flexible and adaptable to community needs, strengths, landscape profiles and existing partnerships

Collaborative systems change



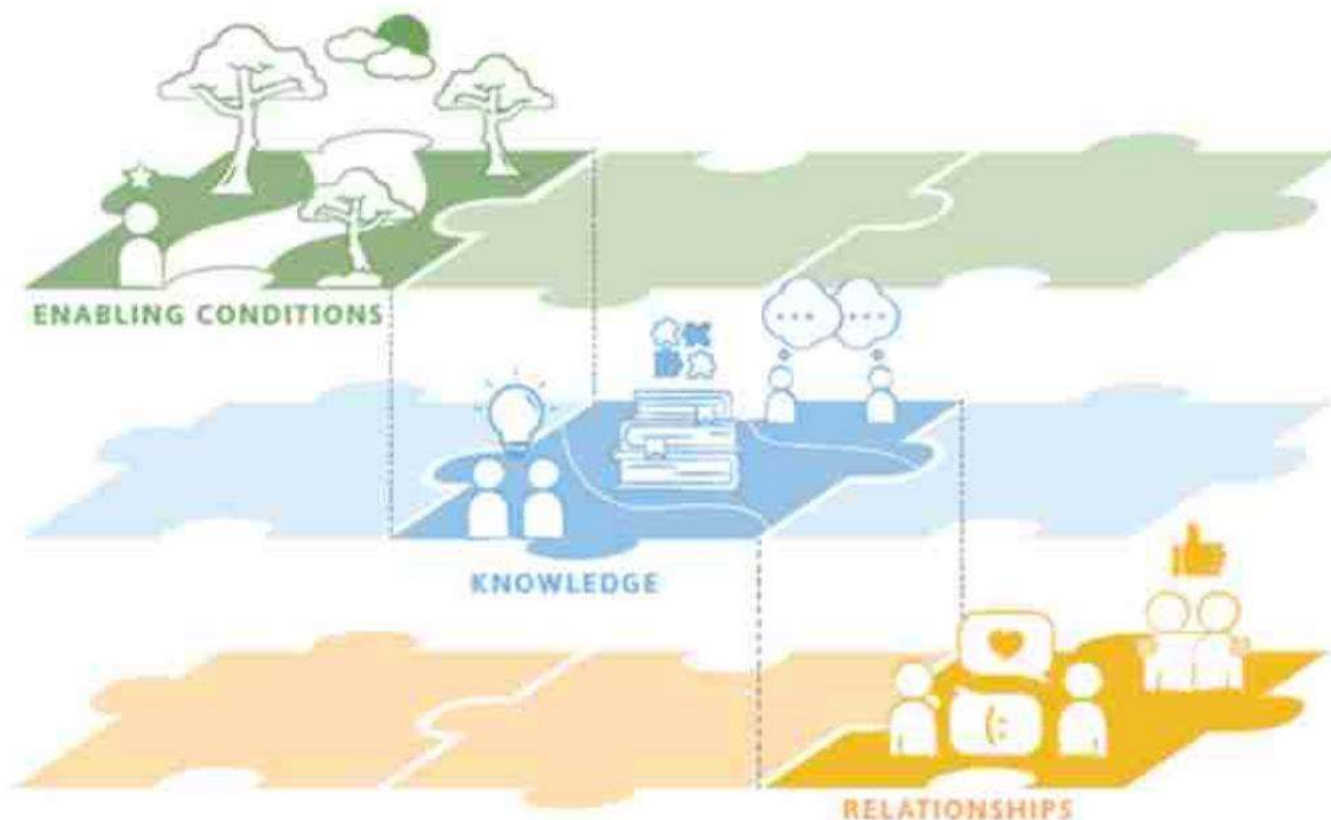
Reframing the narrative

Living with fire

Different perspectives of risk

Field based experiential learning and sharing

Behavioural insights



What have we learnt?

REFLECTION



Looking to the future

Fire cannot, nor should it be, completely eliminated from our landscapes. We can work towards living with fire if we think about

Communities First, as Humans First,
and actively partner as an effective fire management system

**TAKE THE TIME TO LISTEN, LEARN,
DECIDE AND ADAPT TOGETHER**



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Thank you

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