# Emergency volunteering 2030

End User update

July 2020

**Dr Blythe McLennan & Dr Tarn Kruger** / RMIT University

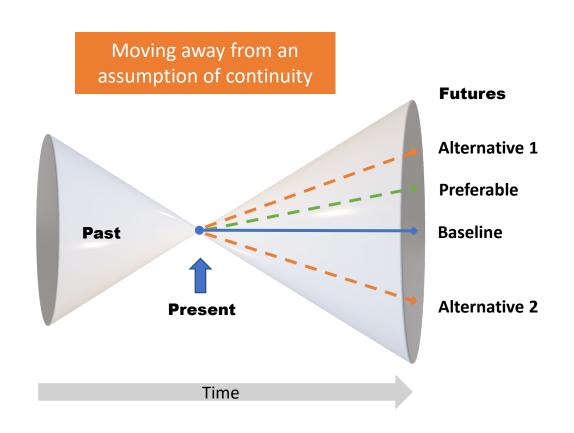




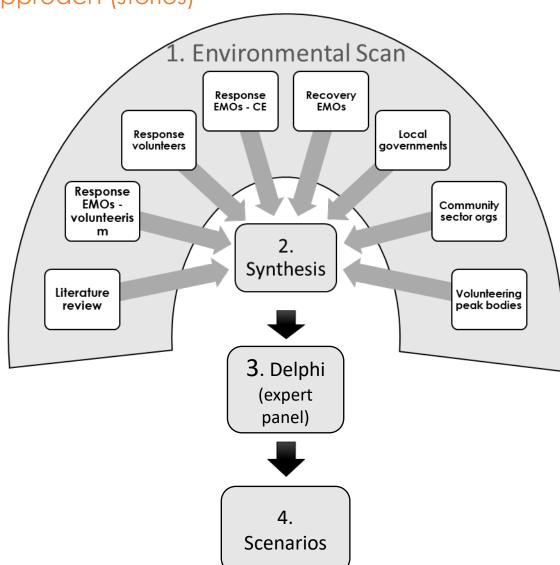


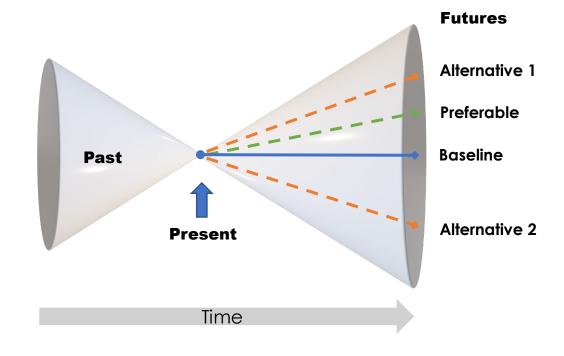
### What's it about again?

- Support the EM sector to be in the best position possible to enable the value of volunteering for communities before, during and after emergencies into the future.
- Organisation blind
- Strategic foresight approach



\*\*Narrative foresight approach (stories)



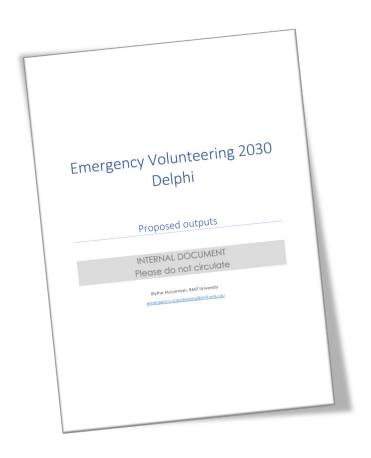


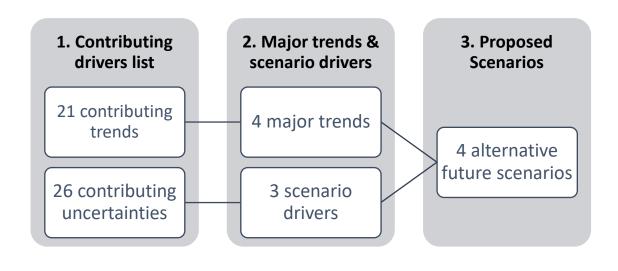
### What we've done

Environmental Scan (stories about the future)



### What we've also done



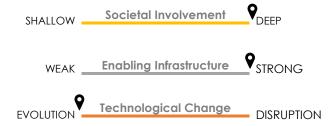


**NB:** Recorded research presentation coming soon.

## Four (draft) future scenarios

#### Scenario 1: Many hands

Volunteering is widely celebrated, deeply valued, and well-resourced. There is a high level of community and business activism around emergency management. Emergency management services are collaborative, community-centric and well-integrated.



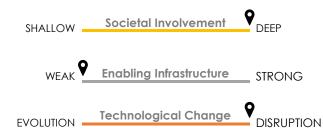
#### Scenario 2: Techno-proficiency

Emergency management services are delivered by highly professional, well-supported, tech-enabled workforces. Government and community expectations of services are high.



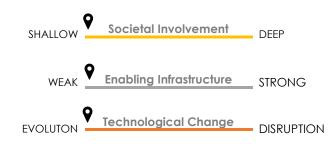
#### Scenario 3: Too many cooks

The emergency management sector is insular and bureaucratic. Emergency response organisations struggle to provide services with low volunteer numbers. Many, diverse, self-organised groups have formed with mixed capacity to deliver on community needs.



#### Scenario 4: Falling short

Emergency management is falling short of public and government expectations. There is high discontent amongst a shrinking & ageing volunteer workforce due to lack of support and burnout. Private property protection services are increasingly contracted by the few who can afford it.



# What I'm doing next

Finalising reports & scenarios

Writing 2 academic outputs

Preparing communications, e.g. scenarios report & issue briefs

Feeding into Workforce 2030

Contributing to VMTG planning (?)

Scenario planning workshops (?)



For example...



# Questions

- 1. What would you like to have a summary of in an issue brief?
- 2. Can I help feed into processes you have going?
- 3. Who most needs to consider implications of trends & future scenarios?
  - How could I best communicate with them?

