IMPLEMENTING POLICY FOR ENABLING COMMUNITY DISASTER RESILIENCE
Making it happen in a federal system

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HOW CAN POLICY IMPLEMENTATION ENABLE COMMUNITY DISASTER RESILIENCE IN A FEDERAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT?

How is disaster resilience implementation occurring at different levels of government and in the community? and how does this relate to what we know about the conditions needed for disaster resilience to flourish?
BUILDING DISASTER RESILIENCE IN AUSTRALIA

SO... WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

1) Broad principles encourage policy acceptance and uptake, particularly in the beginning
2) Good policies need good implementation
3) There is a shortage of information about how to implement disaster resilience policy
4) We know what to do but need to understand more about how to do it
5) Consider the federal context
“Implementation needs to include a consideration of policy processes that can be more or less constrained or supported by institutions ie there is scope for redesigning the processes for achieving the desired change that are not well utilised” (Dovers and Hezri 2010)
THE BIG PICTURE

Four Adaptive capacities (implementation pillars):
- Economic Development (ED)
- Community Competence (CC)
- Social Capital (SC)
- Information & Communication (I&C)

The adaptive capacities intersect and connect the three implementation platforms of the Australian Federation:
- National (Federal Government)
- Sub-National (state and territory)
- Local (local Government, business and civil society)

Each of the platforms has implementation units grouped in categories:
- laws & regulations
- governance
- sub-policies
- programs
- institutions
CONNECTING THEORY WITH PRACTICE

Resilience theory:
- Social capital
- Community competence
- Economic development
- Information and communication

Implementation pathways
- actions, outcomes

Policy implementation:
- sub-policies,
- laws and regulations,
- Institutions
- governance

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PATHWAYS BETWEEN DISASTER RESILIENCE THEORY AND POLICY IMPLEMENTATION PRACTICE

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CASE STUDIES

Social capital

Federal State Local Business Not-for-Profit

Economic development

Information & communication

Community competence

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