**Community update on progress of the Inquiry into the 2019–20 Victorian fire season – No.5**

The Inspector-General for Emergency Management (IGEM) would like to provide an update on progress of the independent Inquiry into the 2019–20 Victorian fire season.

## Inquiry Phase 1 – Preparedness and Response

On 14 October the Victorian Government responded to IGEM’s **Inquiry into the 2019-20 Victorian Fire Season: Phase 1 Report** (preparedness and response) accepting all the recommendations.

Included in its response, the government released and responded to IGEM's **Review of 10 years of reform in Victoria's emergency management sector**, accepting all five recommendations, some of which are relevant to the Inquiry’s findings and are referenced throughout the Phase 1 report.

The Inquiry’s Phase 1 Report also represents the contribution of many Victorians who shared their views and experiences by joining a community meeting, writing a submission or completing a survey. These contributions have helped inform the 66 observations, 36 findings and 17 recommendations made in identifying good practice and opportunities for continuous improvement.

You can read the reports and the government's response igem.vic.gov.au

## Inquiry Phase 2 - Relief and Recovery

The Inquiry’s Phase 2 is underway, focusing on the progress and effectiveness of Victoria’s immediate relief and recovery arrangements.

Community feedback will again be important to helping IGEM understand how current arrangements are working or how they could be improved. Currently, you can share your views by:

* completing the online submission or online survey found at www.igem.vic.gov.au
* picking up a printed survey from a local community recovery hub or calling 0409 249 054 to have a survey sent to you
* requesting a telephone survey by calling 0409 249 054
* email to igem@igem.vic.gov.au
* mail to Inspector-General for Emergency Management, GPO Box 4356, Melbourne VIC 3001.

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