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Dear Sir/Madam;

Terms of Reference Addressed: "Responses to bushfires, particularly measures to control the spread of the fires and to protect life, property and the environment, *including equipment and communication systems*".

Reason for Submission: To suggest a faster, easy, accurate, exact locating system based on GPS, addressed as 3 words in this format - `///what.three.words` so as to enable emergency services to respond faster and easier in very stressful situations. `///` is an internet type designator denoting the fact that the three words to follow is a `///what3words` location, Similar to a `#` used to designate a Twitter hashtag, or `@` as an email address.

Submission:

- `///what3words` is a really simple way to talk about location
- Street addresses don't always point to exact locations.
- `///what3words` has given every 3m square in the world a unique 3 word address
- It is now possible to find precise locations with just three words.
- Save lives and resources in emergencies
- Emergency services across the UK are now using 3 word addresses to easily find and share precise locations.
- Is being used in Australia with the Tasmanian Ambulance Service already having made a rescue using `///what3words` for the first time this month

`///what3words` is simply a human friendly coordinate system. It is a layer that sits on top of latitude and longitude and allows everyone, everywhere, across all platforms, analogue and digital, to easily communicate their precise location.

`///what3words` have assigned each 3m square in the world a unique 3 word address that will never change. For example `///filled.count.soap` marks the exact entrance to `///what3words`' London headquarters. 3 word addresses are easy to say and share, and are as accurate as GPS coordinates.

51.520847, -0.19552100 \longleftrightarrow ///filled.count.soap

///**what3words** allows people to use what3words to find their tents at festivals, navigate to picnic spots, and to direct emergency services to the exact place.

///**what3Words** is fast becoming the worldwide standard for communicating one's position using three simple words, instead of confusing GPS coordinates which can be expressed in multiple ways. Each three word combination designates a 3 square metre location, which never changes. For example, my home address's front gate can be expressed, and given to emergency services as ///sonic.pats.negotiable or our driveway entrance as ///hide.blend.impeccable

///**what3Words** are easier to remember than GPS coordinates. They're also quicker and easier to say over the phone, and to enter into a device or navigation system by voice or text.

///**what3words** has error-prevention technology which helps users quickly identify and correct input mistakes.

///**what3words** is compatible with navigation apps, so you can get directions to a 3 word address via Google Maps, Apple Maps, Waze and more.

///**what3words** Easy to integrate and is available in AIRBOX systems, esri, RapidDeploy, STORM and many other emergency control room systems.

///**what3words** app works offline. ... apps including Navmii, Pocket Earth and Viewranger also allows one to search for a ///**what3words** address, see it on a map and navigate there – all without an internet connection. Ideal for the vast Australia bush and when using two way radio communication.



Yours sincerely,

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