

KINGSTON ACT 2604  
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Dear Commissioners

In relation to the "preparedness" element of your charter, I ask you to note that the Abbott Government closed the Australian Counter-Disaster College, and the National Centre for Flood Research was closed last year.

For obituary-like management, these actions would rival the Trump Administration's decision to close the Pandemic unit in the National Security Council.

I would have thought it self-evident that professional training in addressing disasters, and research into disaster types, are an essential part of the framework for preparation in this context.

Yours sincerely