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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Re: International Day for Disaster Reduction, 13 October 2020



International Day for Disaster Reduction on October 13th is the perfect time to rally our governments to ensure measures are being taken to prepare for the next disaster. As natural disasters are occurring more frequently and with increasing severity, the United Nation's International Day for Disaster Reduction calls for global action on risk-awareness and disaster reduction.

This year's focus is on government action, with the aim to significantly increase the number of countries with national and local disaster risk reduction strategies. After last season's devastating bushfires and floods, and this year's Covid-19 outbreak, we need government action both in

Australia and globally to ensure disaster reduction and minimise the risk of facing such devastation again.

"Disaster risk governance at the national, regional and global levels is vital to the management of disaster risk reduction in all sectors and ensuring the coherence of national and local frameworks of laws, regulations and public policies that... guide, encourage and incentivise the public and private sectors to take action and address disaster risk" - Sendai Framework.

The priority areas for disaster reduction action are:

1. Understanding disaster risk
2. Strengthening disaster risk governance and management
3. Investing in disaster risk reduction to increase resilience
4. Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response, and to "build back better."

The theme for International Day for Disaster Reduction is based on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Reduction 2015, which aims to significantly reduce global disaster mortality, economic loss, damage to vital infrastructure, disruption of critical services and the number of people affected.

For more information visit the United Nation's [website on International Day for Disaster Reduction](#).

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