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## **Launch of the Long-term Disaster Resilience Research Report**

From the Emergency Management Commissioner Andrew Crisp:

- I apologise for not being able to make it today to the launch of the Long-term Disaster Resilience Research Report.
- I would like to acknowledge the work of the Women's Health Goulburn North East, Women's Health in the North, and Monash University Disaster Resilience Initiative in developing this report.
- I am conscious of the many women and men that also contributed to this research and report, and the value that their insights have made to this work.
- It takes a great deal of bravery to reflect and share on personal experiences. Particularly when discussing issues such as domestic violence, psychological impacts and the breakdown of relationships and family dynamics.
- There is still much to be done in the sector to better support communities before and after emergencies that empower people and communities to engage with and lead their recovery.
- Research and findings, like those within this report, play an important part in moving ahead with that work.
- On behalf of EMV, I again would like to recognise the value of such research and work and look forward to building on this work within our sector.