

# Were you or your family members affected by the 2019-20 bushfires?



## Who can take part?

We're looking for people who work or volunteer in the emergency services including those involved in fighting the fires directly, working in call centres, relief centres, peer supporters, those mobilising community actions during the fires as well as support people of emergency service workers.

## What does participation involve?

We'd like people to take part in a small focus group (approx. 4-6 people), or individual interview, to discuss your experiences working or volunteering in emergency services, or supporting emergency services personnel, during the 2019-20 bushfires. Questions may include how you came to be in the role, your motivation for working or volunteering in the sector, what role you played and how it impacted you and those around you. Dependent on the current health advice on COVID-19 these groups may be conducted via Zoom teleconference.

## Get in touch

If you would like to be involved or would like any further information about the focus groups or interviews, please contact Sharon Lawn on [sharon.lawn@flinders.edu.au](mailto:sharon.lawn@flinders.edu.au) or call 0459 098 772. The following dates and times are available and reflect ACST (please add 30 minutes for Victoria and NSW – AEST).

<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	3pm - 4.30pm	<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	2pm – 3.30pm
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10.30am – 12noon	<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	7pm – 8.30pm
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	2.30pm – 4pm	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	1pm – 2.30pm
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	10am – 11.30am	<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	2pm – 3.30pm
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	3pm – 4.30pm	<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	7pm – 8.30pm
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	7pm – 8.30pm	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	1pm – 2.30pm

## Further information, complaints and contact details

Approval to conduct this research has been provided by The University of Western Australia (Reference: RA/4/20/6214), and by each agency in accordance with their ethics review and approval procedures. Anyone considering participation in this research project, or agreeing to participate, may raise any questions or issues with the researchers at any time. In addition, any person not satisfied with the response of researchers may raise ethics issues or concerns, and may make complaints about this research project by contacting the Human Research Ethics Office at The University of Western Australia on (08) 6488 4703 or by emailing to [humanethics@uwa.edu.au](mailto:humanethics@uwa.edu.au).