

24. Phase 2\_ArtScape Cottage Beechworth\_10 Oct 2020

I found it extremely difficult to contact people who had been burnt out or traumatised in order to offer two or three nights free respite/refuge.

Every council or government agency I contacted basically said they were constrained by privacy laws. In future disasters can there please be an efficient co-ordinating body to liaise with people needing support other than financial.

Thank you,  
Claire.

Would you like your submission to be made publicly available?	Yes
Would you like your name (or your business or organisation's name) published with your submission?	Yes
During the 2019-20 fire season, were you in an area where fires occurred?	No
Where were you impacted by fires?	
How would you describe your connection to the area?	
Were you involved in responding to the fires in that area?	No
How would you best describe your involvement in responding to the fires?	
Were you (or do you continue to be) involved in supporting individuals or communities affected by the fires?	Yes
How would you best describe your involvement following the fires?	Providing free refuge/respite accommodation at ArtScape Cottage Beechworth.
What is the main reason for your submission?	
What is your Local Government Area (council)?	Indigo
What is your postcode or town?	3747
What age group are you in?	65 - 74
What gender do you identify as?	Female
Other ways to be involved in the Inquiry	Yes
Full name	Claire Mitchell
Organisation Name	
Phone number	

Email	
What types of activities would you be interested in hearing about?	Online or telephone surveys, Follow-up submissions, Inquiry progress updates (please note that updates will be provided by e-mail)
Preferred method of contact	