

Fire Learning Network Project

A sub-project of the Risk Landscape Project

Context

DSE has been the driver in an innovative approach to developing community resilience to fire events.

The Fire Learning Network project has been successfully piloted in 5 high risk communities over the last 5 years.

The Sustainable Government Initiative (SGI) and the Strengthening DSE projects has resulted in changes in how DSE does it's business. The Fire Learning Network team in 8 Nicholson St. are no longer able to carry on with this project. The SW Region has seen that the approach developed by the FLN team will substantially contribute to achieving the desired outcomes of the Risk Landscape project.

It is within this context that the SW Region is taking on and building on the work initiated by the Fire Learning Network Team

Method

Action Learning/Research is an accepted best practice approach to achieving sustainable outputs in a complex environment. Characteristics of an action learning/research approach are:

- An iterative approach
- Participatory
- Combines theory and practice

Planned goals for First Iteration:

Team familiar with background and scope of project

Team identified/clarified/confirmed 2yr Goal with other stakeholders

Team developed plan and desired outputs for Second Iteration

Time line for First Iteration: 2 months ie: Dec 31

Actions

The proposed first iteration in developing this project includes the following actions:

- Individual discussions with the identified staff (Pat Shaw & Ross Martin)
- Purpose: to identify interest and potential level of commitment.
 - Key questions: what do you know about this project?
 - What do you see to be the major challenges?
 - What excites you about being involved?
 - What are your thoughts about having a meeting with all 3 of us?
- Project team to attend background briefing meeting with Simone
- Team to work with stakeholders re: confirming/clarifying broad 2yr goal

