

Collaboration as an Action

(NOT A CONCEPT)

Building Inspection and
Compliance / FPAA



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Traditional Acknowledgement

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the land and pay our respects of their cultures and their Elders past, present and emerging.

Historical success and Ego's



What is Collaboration in Emergency Management (Victoria)

What does Collaboration look like in the Fire Service?

Emergency Management Strategic Action Plan;

Priority

- **2** Reduce Risk and Build Resilience
- **3** Enhance Inclusion, Build capacity in Communities
- **5** Governance and Cooperation

Victorian Emergency Management Strategic Action Plan; Priority 2,3,5 (2022-2028)

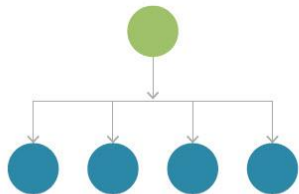
FRV Values

- ✓ Serve Community (End User)
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Respect
- ✓ Accountability

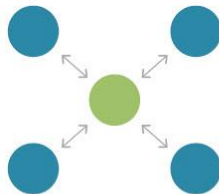
Pillars of the FRV Strategic Plan

- ✓ Partnering
- ✓ Culture
- ✓ Modernising for better outcomes
- ✓ Build Resilience
- ✓ Deliver Excellence

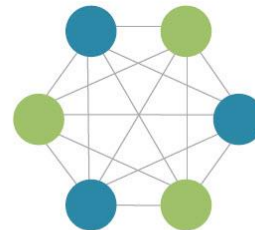
Which one do we use; What works best



Command and Control



Coordinate



Collaborate

VERTICAL RELATIONSHIPS

LATERAL RELATIONSHIPS

Types of Collaboration

At Building Inspection and Compliance (BIC), we look to start at the trend stage,

I.e. What is it we need to do? (Fire safe and resilient Communities)

Then;

- it starts with a vision →
- who can assist, →
- where are they, →
- how do we reach them, →
- what do we ask →



Types of Collaboration

Fire Safety has a dynamic style of collaboration

- **Informative**
 - Current research/Best practice
- **Consultative**
 - Community/Educators/Standards
- **Guiding and supportive**
 - **Internal testing (what do the occupants/Owners/Managers know?)**

Fire Safety

- Formal
 - Interdepartmental
 - Interagency
- Informal
 - Networks
- Cultural
 - FRV has 234 Cultural and 8 Traditional Owner groups in its service areas

Building Inspection and Compliance (BIC)

- **Regional**
 - FRV Districts and Regional Staff
 - CFA
- **State**
 - Representative Associations (MAV/Strata Managers/Victoria University)
 - Agencies including EMV and Coroners Office
- **National/International**
 - London Fire Brigade
 - Boston Fire Department (<https://i-psdi.org/firecares.html>)
 - Cairo Museum (support for ancient scrolls in certain Communities)
 - Switzerland (recent tragedy in the Ski Resorts)

Ask yourself, how do I value people's time?

Rule 168

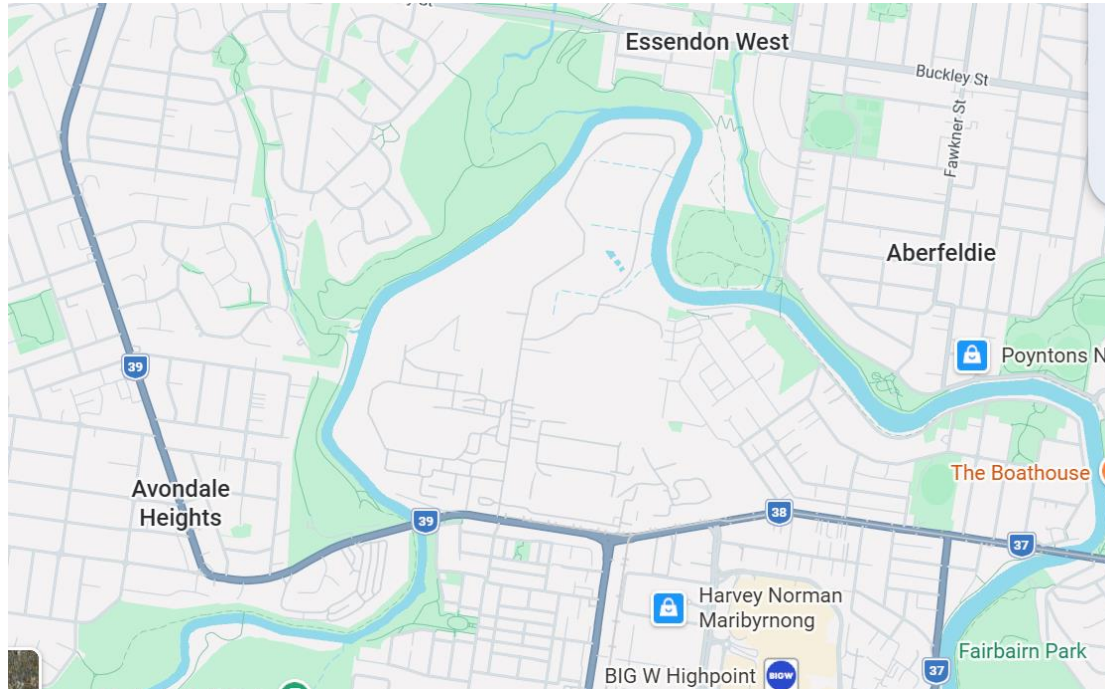
By leaving your Ego at the door, everyone gets a safe seat
and should feel included.

Collaboration Case study

- **Flinders Street Station**
 - ✓ **Contemporary Fire detection/suppression systems**
- **Rooming Houses**
 - ✓ **Improved systems for Occupants**
- **Strata Managers**
 - ✓ **Improved connection to design and maintenance information**
 - **Victoria University /Stephen Scimonello**



Lots of eyes and stakeholders



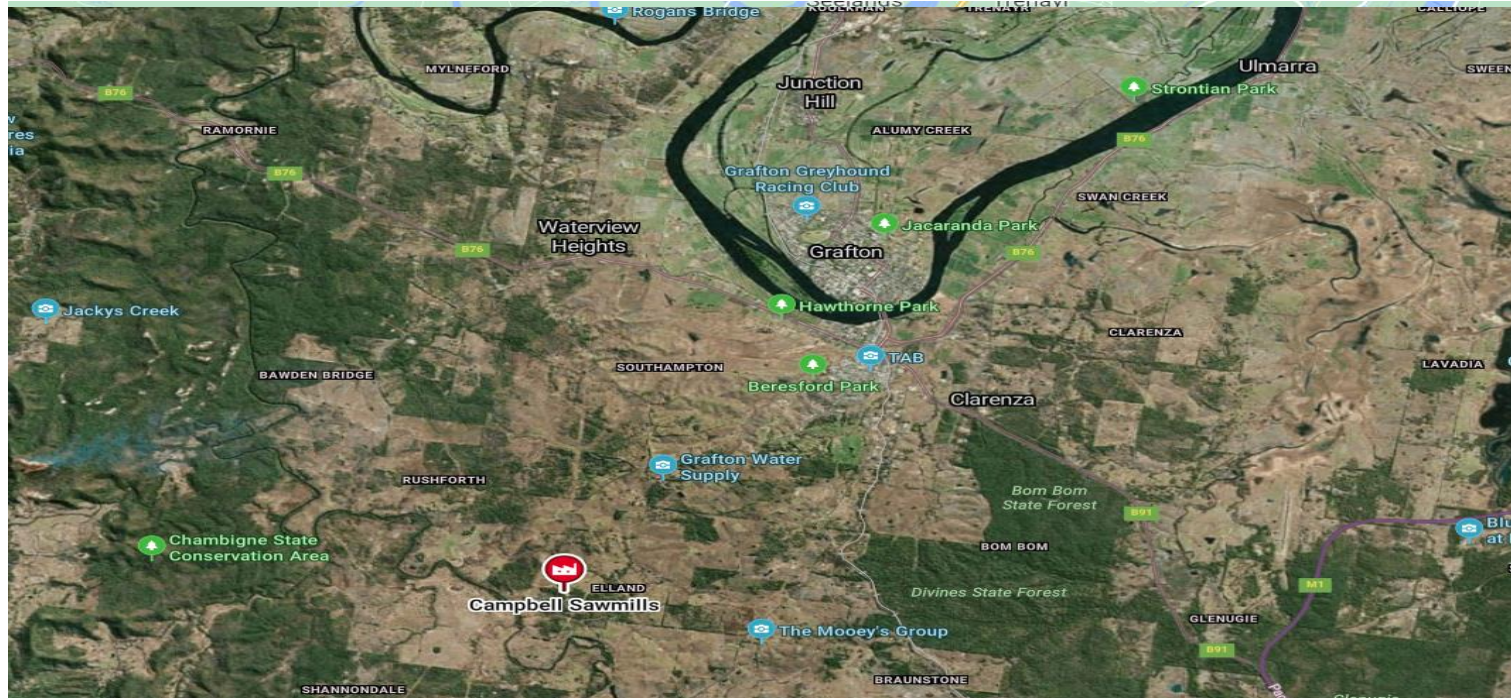
Defence Site,
Maribyrnong

Ulmarra ICC, NSW 2019/2020 fires

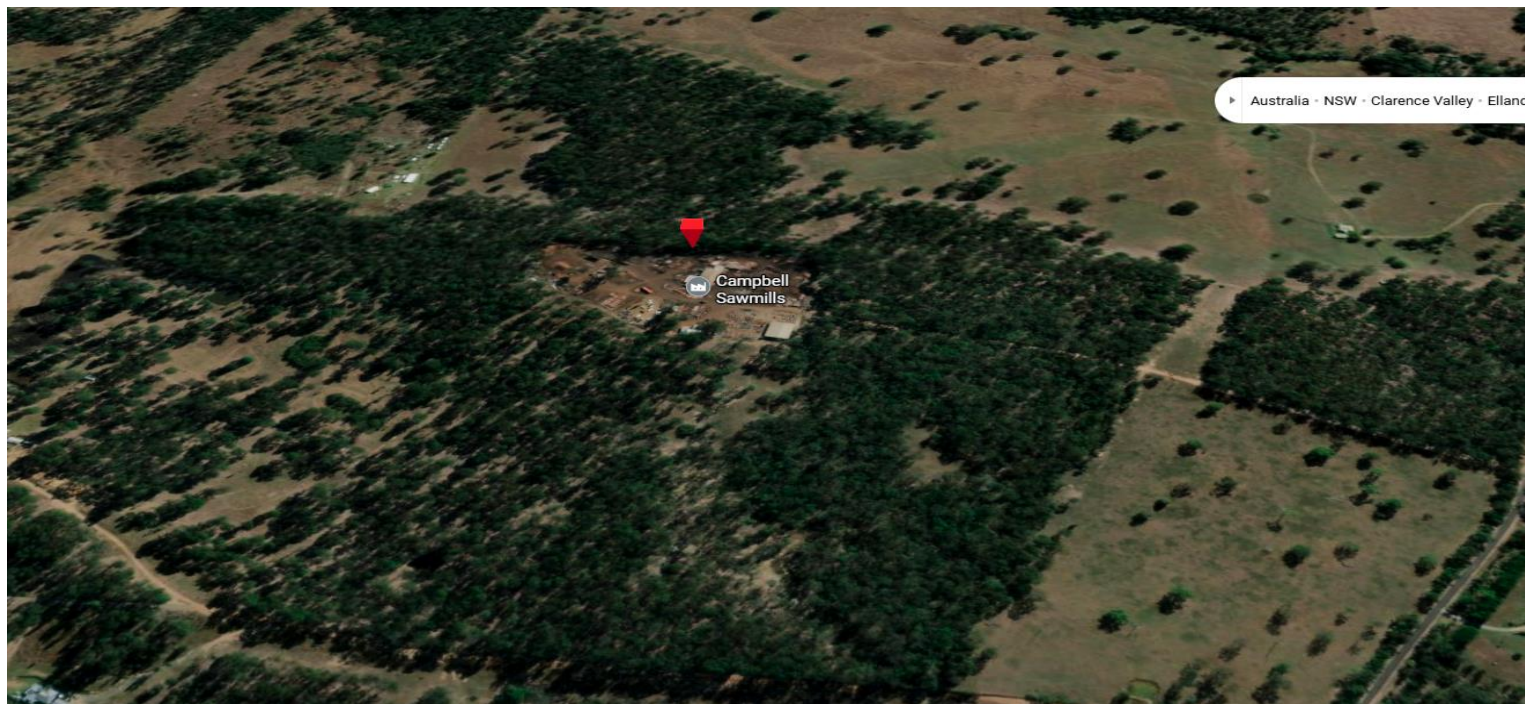


ICC

Ulmarra ICC, NSW 2019/2020 fires (4/3/26)



Campbell Sawmills (4/3/26)



In closing

- Inspection and Compliance for a long time was a reactive focus.
- Our Proactive approach since 2023 has opened new doors and an outward looking, over the horizon view that is strengthening public safety.
- This will facilitate sustainable cohesion across the life of the building and improve outcomes for occupants.

Thank you



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