



Gender & Recovery Planning

A Digital Forum



On 28 July 2020, over 60 participants from various organisations, including Local Government Response & Recovery Teams, Community Health Services, Department of Education and Women's Health Services came together online to join the Gender & Recovery Planning digital forum.

The Hon. Gabrielle Williams, Minister for Women and Minister for Prevention of Family Violence and Tanja Kovac from Gender Equity Victoria presented compelling reasons for applying a gender lens to response and recovery planning.

Presenters from Cardinia Shire Council, Victorian Local Governance Association and Bushfire Recovery Victoria facilitated practical hands on sessions and shared the work they are doing and provided practical resources to take away.

Overall, attendees rated the digital forum 4.9 stars out of 5



100%

Respondents reported an increase in their understanding of how to apply a gendered lens to recovery planning



50%

Reported they would be interested in WHISE running a similar session to engage their community groups

KEY LEARNINGS/ TAKEAWAYS

Have gender at the core of your planning from the start
Take the time to set up systems and projects with the right foundations
Collect data - you don't know what you can't see



Now is the opportunity for change - not fall back into old ways - take on the opportunities that come with the Gender Equality Act



Great to have the stats to highlight the importance of a gender lens on response and recovery