

Dear Fellow Australian,

Australia's methods and approach to Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery, long maintained at a high level, are evolving steadily. The ADF and State Emergency Management Services have played effective roles in countless cases over the past decades. In addition, the Volunteer organisations, in which Australia may well have a greater turn out and dedication than nearly any other nation, have been admirably and consistently active in protecting lives and safeguarding property across the country. Their combined greatness of spirit and skill has not to my knowledge been previously presented within a single publication.

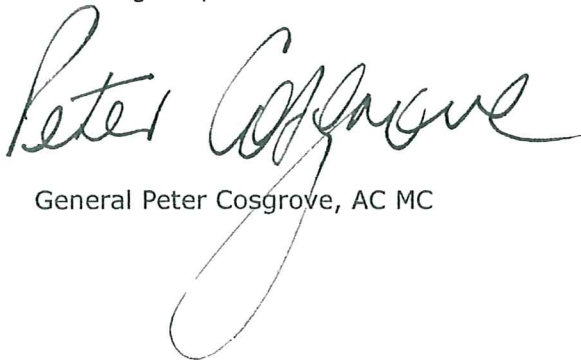
Thus, I am pleased to have taken on a role as member of an Advisory Committee in a book now underway entitled TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE, which promises to provide a definitive display of our strong Australian tradition of self help, methodologies, training and technology across the range of Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery professions including all-important and honourable volunteers.

The publication will serve a number of practical purposes and benefits through partial sponsorship and from a large print run and distribution. It will also be available to organisations for fund raising and charity drive purposes. At the same time there will also be sufficient substantial content in the publication to be able to provide a practicing professional with insights and innovations from the Australian Community, relevant we trust, elsewhere. It will be a showcase of the Australian volunteer, ADF and Emergency Management Services in action and help portray a vital and dramatic human chapter of our national history and contemporary activities.

The overall project constitutes more than the book itself with many side activities and flow-on distributions planned; along with a significant on-line presence over a period of years. As such it appears to be the broadest commemoration and knowledge programme yet seen on this important subject.

I recommend that you receive a Director of ETN-COM, publishers of the book, for a brief discussion as to some form of involvement within this promising production.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Cosgrove". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

General Peter Cosgrove, AC MC