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Dear Secretary

Recent trends in and preparedness for extreme weather events

Having lodged a submission to the Committee on the above, this is one area that needs further consideration/investigation by this Committee and the Senate at a later date.

Whilst I will be interested to read the Committee's report when tabled, as mentioned previously, if a Major Emergency or Disaster was to take place, anywhere within Australia, we wouldn't be able to handle it.

It was my intention to update my submission, several weeks ago but, up here in Queensland, we've experienced further Severe Weather and using Tropical Cyclone Oswald as an example.

Unfortunately, as a person who provides a voluntary service on the UHF CB Emergency Channels and having an interest in Emergency Communications, even Radio Communications and Telecommunications failed in some areas of Queensland.

I could comment further but when it comes to both forms of communications; what happens if they fail? I remember the 2010-11 Severe Summer and the Brisbane Floods and how that "impacted" on communities, communications, the environment, various infrastructures.

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