



# AFTER THE fires

## SUPPORTING THE ONGOING WELLBEING AND RESILIENCE OF AUSTRALIA'S EMERGENCY SERVICES



The University of Western Australia, in conjunction with Roy Morgan Research, is conducting a study of emergency services personnel and the impacts of the roles they play in responding to bushfires.

Following the devastating 2019-20 bushfire season, there is a critical need to monitor the impacts of bushfires and associated events on emergency services personnel. In particular, this means understanding the supports needed by those who have been affected by the fires and how to foster their resilience and wellbeing into the future.

### Who can take part in the survey?

We are asking people across your organisation to participate in the study to help us ensure the wellbeing of everyone, no matter what task you perform or your level of involvement in the 2019-20 bushfires. Over 5,000 employees and volunteers in fire and rescue and state emergency services organisations across Australia are being invited to participate in the survey.

### What does participation involve?

Participation in the survey involves answering a series of questions about your work or volunteer work and your health and wellbeing. The survey will take about 20-25 minutes on average. The survey can be completed at any time, on any device either at work or away from work.

All information collected in the survey will be completely anonymous. Information that could possibly identify participants such as name, date of birth, location or IP address will not be recorded. Even if the survey is completed at work, your agency will not be able to see or access any information that you provide.

### Get in touch

If you would like any further information about the survey, please visit [www.uwa.edu.au/projects/after-the-fires](http://www.uwa.edu.au/projects/after-the-fires) or contact [bushfires@roymorgan.com](mailto:bushfires@roymorgan.com)

### Further information, complaints and contact details

Approval to conduct this research has been provided by The University of Western Australia (Reference: RA/4/20/6214), and by each agency in accordance with their ethics review and approval procedures. Anyone considering participation in this research project, or agreeing to participate, may raise any questions or issues with the researchers at any time. In addition, any person not satisfied with the response of researchers may raise ethics issues or concerns, and may make complaints about this research project by contacting the Human Research Ethics Office at The University of Western Australia on (08) 6488 4703 or by emailing to [humanethics@uwa.edu.au](mailto:humanethics@uwa.edu.au).

