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M Corbett	<p>The options paper proposals are only about funding so will not address the fundamental issue of preparedness for emergencies. As long as government continues to approach this issue from the top down, lives and property will be lost. There is no substitute for local knowledge, local loyalty, local resilience and programs in neighbourhoods that encourage near neighbours to discuss their plans. To support resilience in local areas, community members need to be educated and empowered, allowed to act in the moment, for the safety of all. Government should not outlaw those living in the front line to act to help in emergencies, for the longterm mental wellbeing of the community as much as the significant real and valuable assistance in an emergency event</p>