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How can government support community-led recovery and build resilience?

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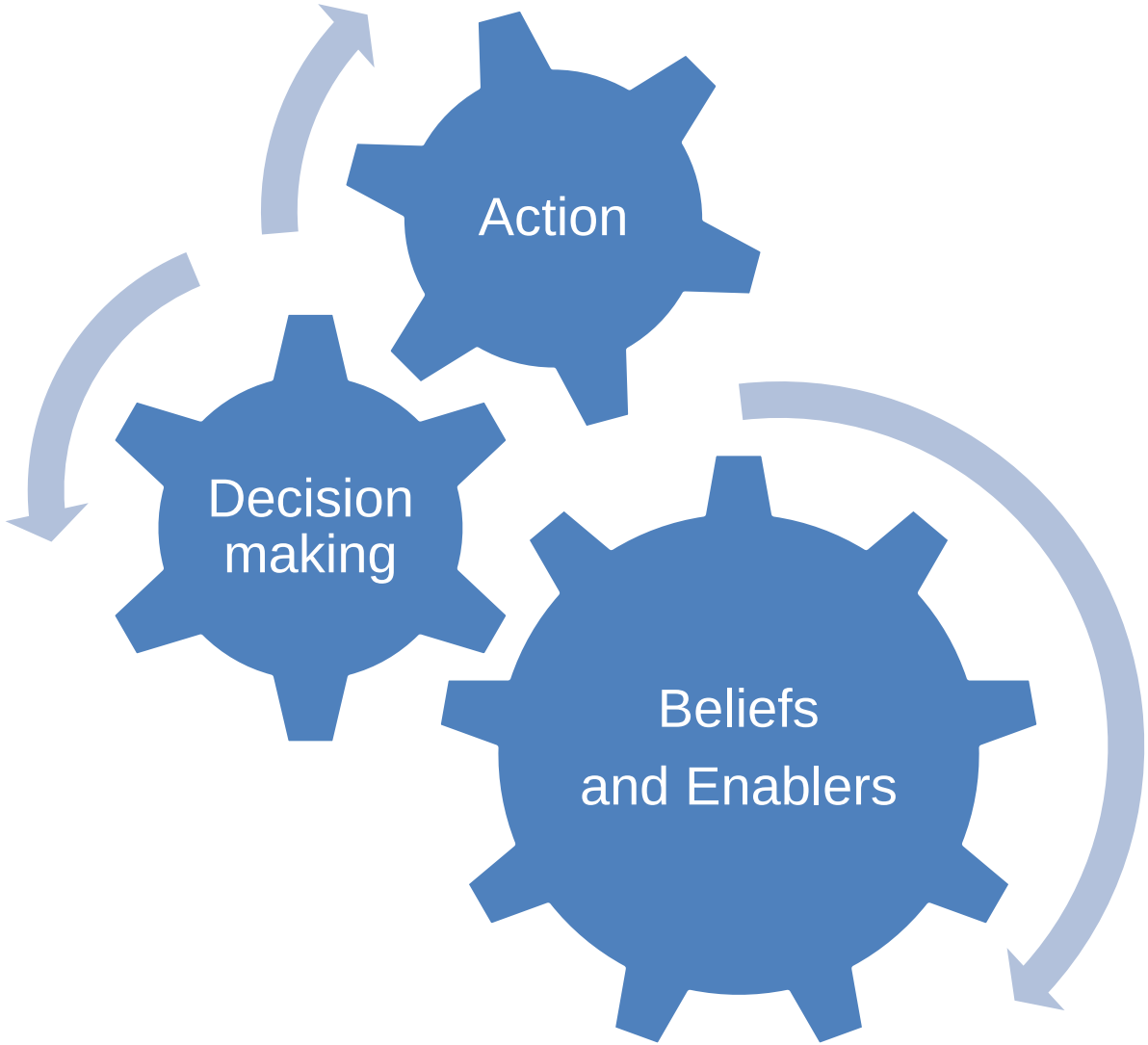

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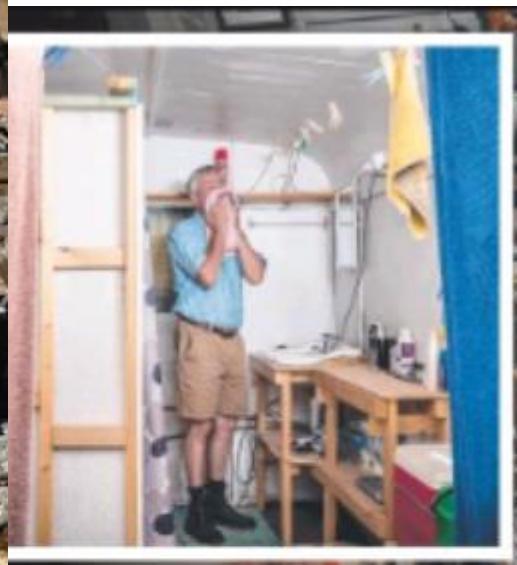

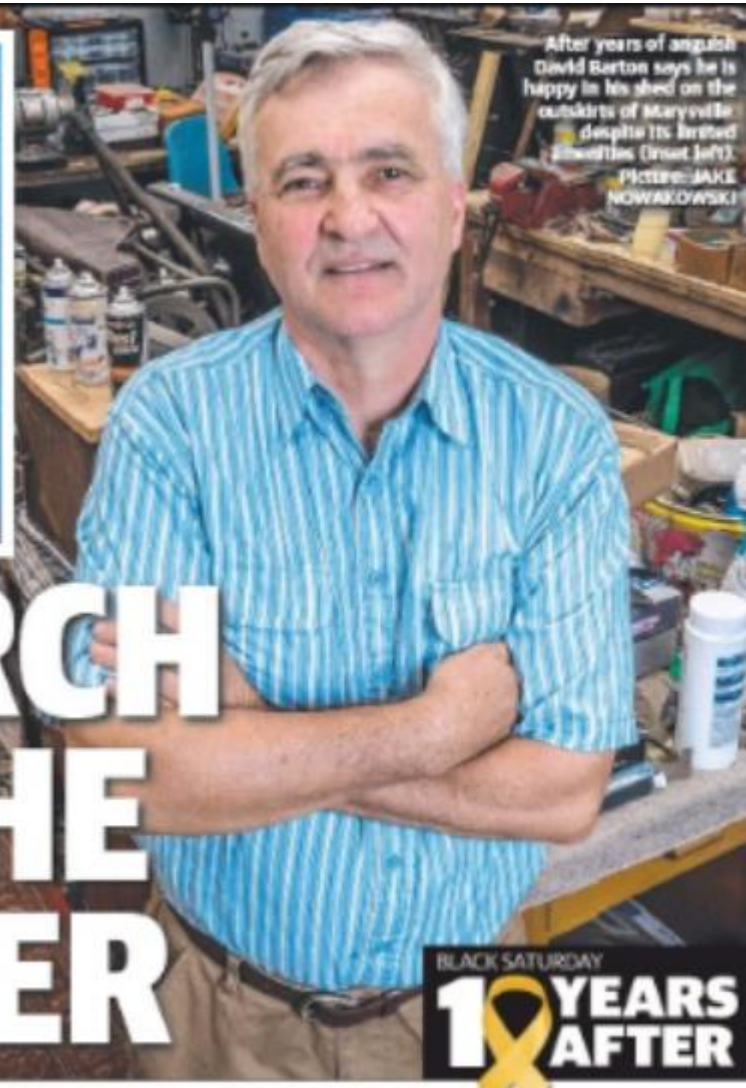

RESEARCH BEAT THE MONSTER

BLACK SATURDAY 10 YEARS AFTER

75 fellow survivors helped me deliver thesis on grief

Location - Marysville

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Figure 4.1: The Marysville district prior to Black Saturday, looking north from Keppel Lookout. Buxton Peak is at centre with the Cathedral Range at upper right. The deciduous trees of Marysville township are plainly visible at lower centre-left. English Broom is in yellow flower in the foreground.[61]

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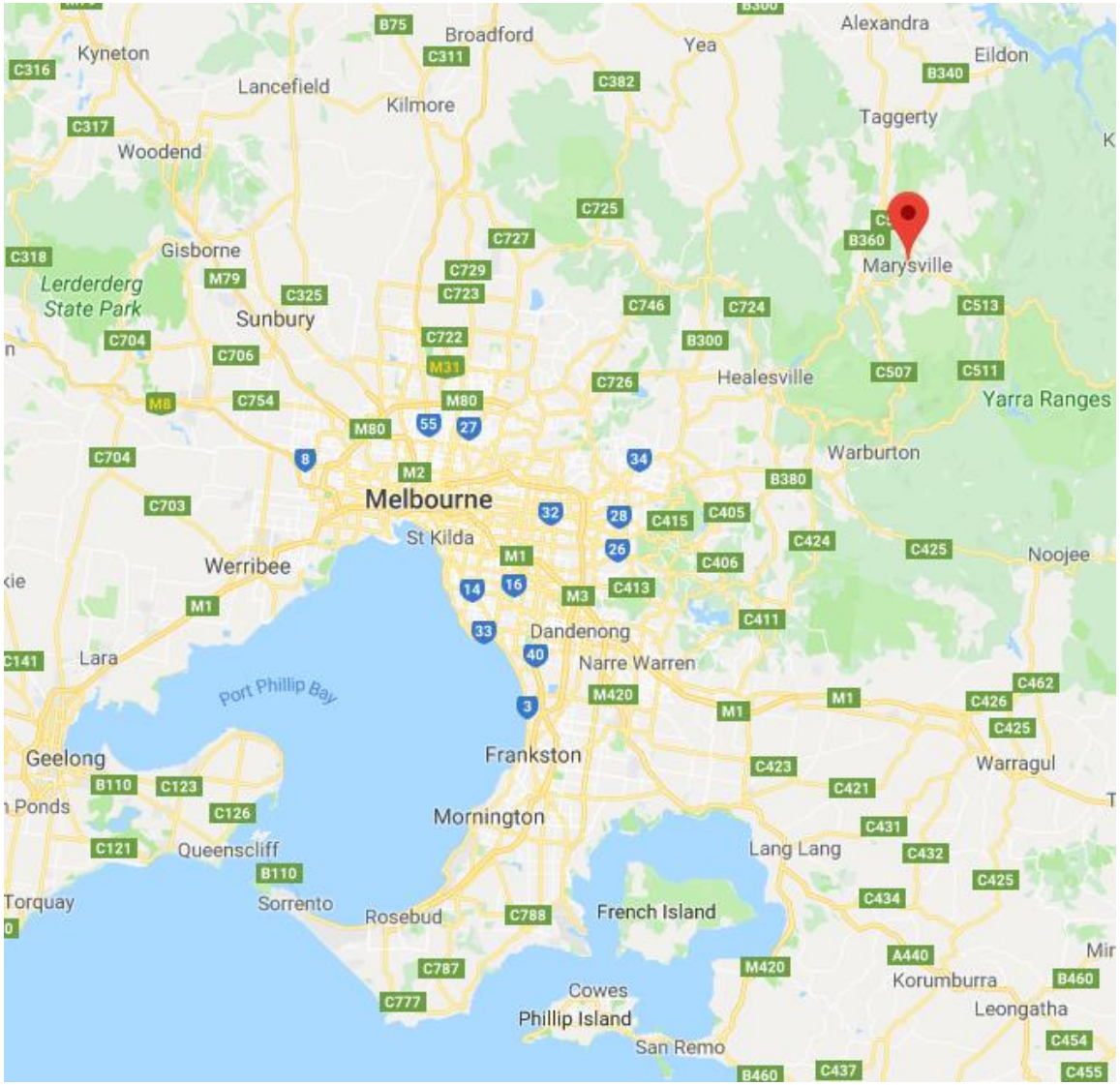

February 2009 – Black Saturday

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The indoor pool

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Figure 6.22: An aerial photograph showing the Vibe Hotel site, the proposed location of the hotel building and the hotel car park, the existing indoor heated pool that survived the fires, and some important large remnant trees.[187]

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Save Our Marysville Indoor Pool

Figure 6.23: The rapid demolition of the Marysville indoor pool – 1/6/2013.[189]

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Figure 6.24: The same location – 19/2/2015, some 20 months later. Clearly there is no reason why the pool could not have been retained and incorporated as a community facility as a part of the Vibe Hotel complex. Note too, all the missing trees.[190]

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Figure 6.27: An aerial view of the rear of the Vibe Hotel, Marysville.[196]

Case Studies – SRRG Project

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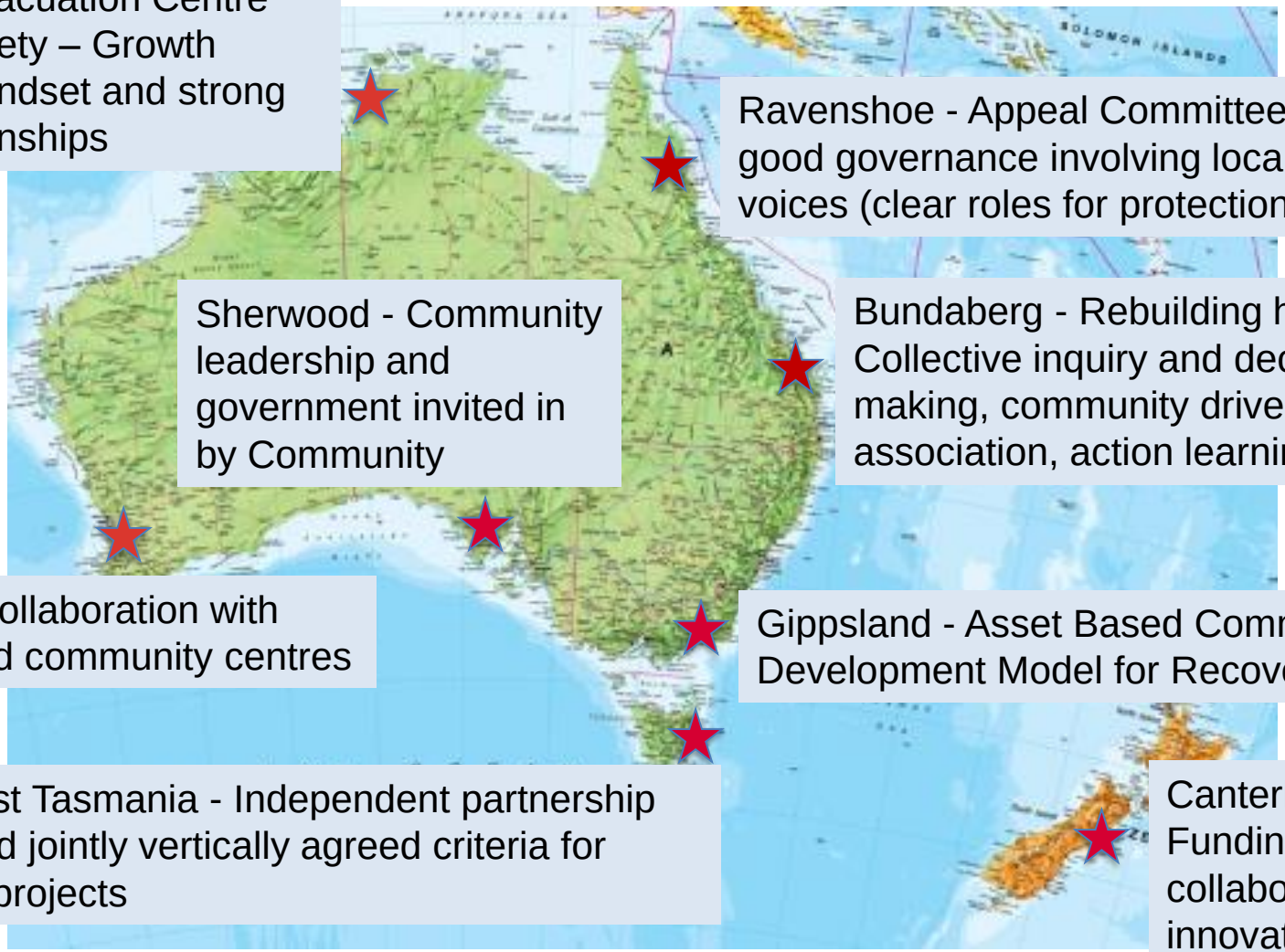
Nauiyu - Evacuation Centre Cultural Safety – Growth Learning Mindset and strong CDO relationships



Ravenshoe - Appeal Committee – good governance involving local voices (clear roles for protection)

Sherwood - Community leadership and government invited in by Community

Bundaberg - Rebuilding houses – Collective inquiry and decision making, community driven association, action learning

Yarloop - Collaboration with place based community centres

Gippsland - Asset Based Community Development Model for Recovery

East Coast Tasmania - Independent partnership broker and jointly vertically agreed criteria for recovery projects

Canterbury - Funding, collaboration, innovation

Our case studies align with broader research finding (routine times) that critical to government support of citizen-led initiatives:

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‘If support includes an active and open attitude or strategy toward citizen self-organisation, ranging from facilitation to cooperation, positive effects are reported.’

- Igalla, M, Edelenbos, J, Meerkerk, I, 2019, Citizens in Action, What Do They Accomplish? A Systematic Literature Review of Citizen Initiatives, Their Main Characteristics, Outcomes, and Factors, Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organisations, Springer, US.

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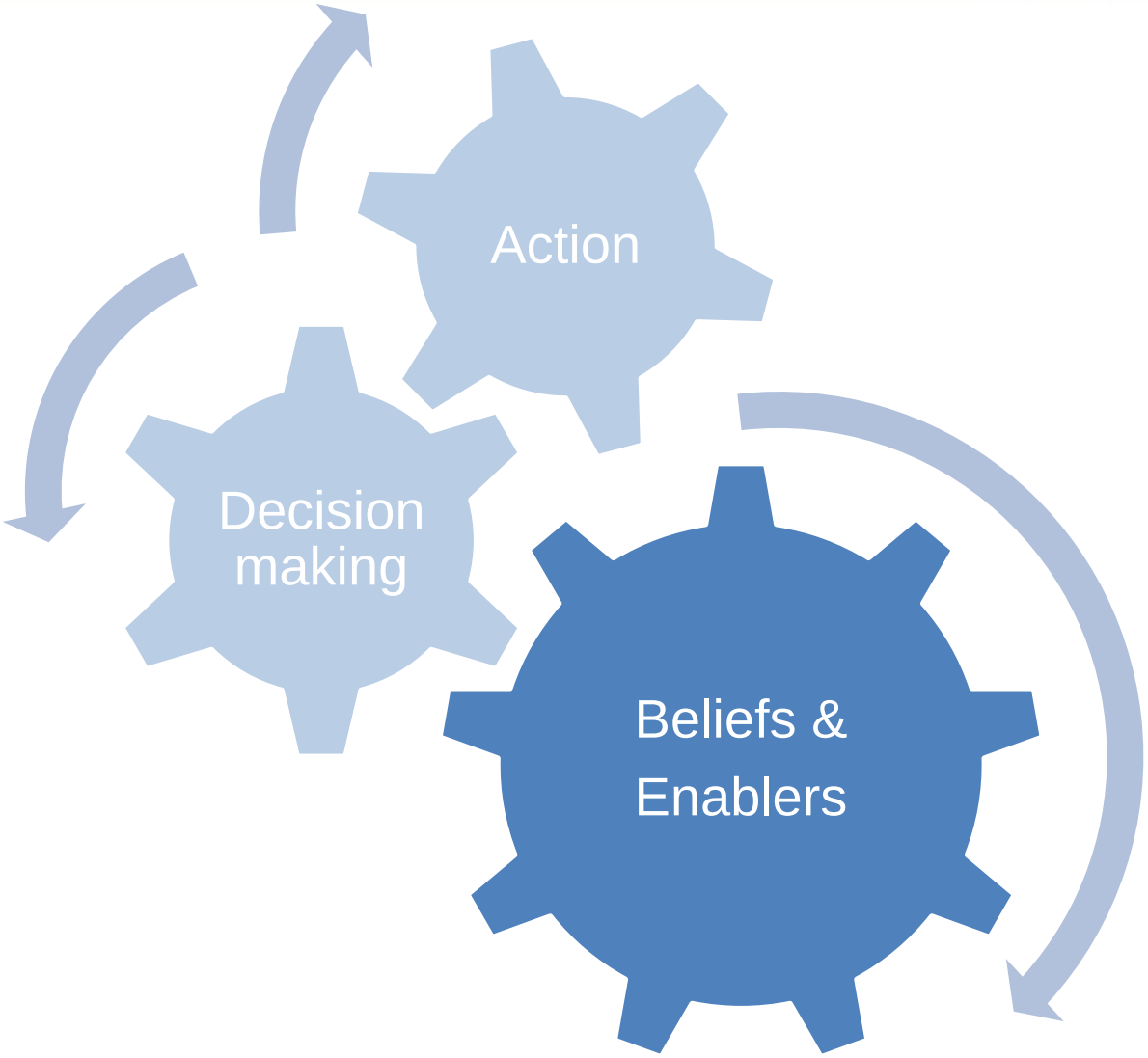

What does the 'government' believe about the ability and the risks of the community being a part of the decision making? …of the action? ..in regard to what?

How does government work with community after disaster to build resilience?

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Web resources including:

- **National Principles for Disaster Recovery**
- **Literature Review on Community-led Recovery**

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