The interagency team conducting the Parkerville-Stoneville-Mt Helena Fire review is appreciative of those who responded to the advertisement published in the Hills Gazette and the Echo Newspaper on 15 March 2014. This advertisement invited the Perth Hills community to share their experience. The team received over 20 written responses from community members, submissions from volunteer firefighters and spoke to a wide range of stakeholders.

The team is working through the issues raised in the submissions and interviews and considering these issues in drawing together the first draft of its report to address the terms of reference. Issues being worked through include the dynamics of the fire, its behaviour, the overall level of preparedness as well as the response by agencies and recovery activities.

Once completed the report will be considered by the SEMC in June 2014. The final report will be provided by the SEMC to the Minister for Emergency Services.

Updates on the review progress will be provided in May 2014 and available on the SEMC website.

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