AJEM in reflection

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AJEM does not focus on single agency or hazard issues, but reflects Emergency Management Australia's (EMA) focus of a multi-jurisdictional, all-hazards approach to emergency management arrangements. The strength of the journal is in its neutrality and the variety of the published material effectively reflects this ethos.

Feedback from surveys conducted of our readership has revealed that AJEM is regarded as the principal or prime source of information for the emergency management sector within Australia. It is the only regular, comprehensive, multi-disciplinary publication of its type and is deemed by its readership as a reliable and credible source of information covering the full spectrum of emergency management. Our readers have stated that it is used in planning, training, education, exercise management, and presentations as well as a wide range of other uses.

Improving emergency management policy and practice in Australia requires the effective transfer and update of innovative practice, backed-up where necessary with carefully targeted research. EMA plays a key role in this area in capturing and transferring research and innovation particularly to reduce disaster-related loss of life, property damage, and economic and social disruption from natural, technological and human-caused disasters in Australia.

I consider AJEM a valuable communication vehicle for the emergency management sector and look forward to its continued success.

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