

**The impact of disaster on the most vulnerable:
People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds and
the Brisbane floods 2010/11, Australia**



People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse or Ethnic or non-English speaking backgrounds are at risk when disasters strike. Cultural and language differences may make it difficult for newcomers to understand what is going on around them, how to deal with the situation, and where to get help, while those who have been living in their community for longer may have been just as surprised by the force of nature. On the other hand, the floods also brought out the best in people – a new form of solidarity amongst community members; and People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse or Ethnic or non-English speaking backgrounds were on the forefront of helpers.

**What happened to you before, during and after the
floods?**

How did it change your life?

As an immigrant myself, and as part of my studies (PhD), I am interested to hear the stories from People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse or Ethnic or non-English speaking backgrounds who have experienced the floods or have helped others during or after the floods.

If you feel, your story will help us all to understand how we can better deal with floods in the future; I invite you to an interview:

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