

FIRE - WATER - EARTH - AIR - SPIRIT - PEOPLE - PLACE

U.N.E.S.C.O. - Disaster Resilient Communities - Prevention, Mitigation and Adaptation Research and Cultural and Environmental Learning Centre

*A Kinglake Ranges Sustainable Communities and Resilient Futures collaborative response to the February 7 **Black Saturday** tragedy*



The Firestorm Memorial & Disaster Sciences Research & Learning Centre will:

- Incorporate a Fitting Disaster Memorial & Viewing Platform / Spotting Tower
- Be Parks Vic Offices, Visitor Information & Environmental Education Centre
- Engage leading National and International Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Adaptation Practitioners, Researchers, Scientists, Strategists and Policy Makers
- House Parks Victoria, Department of Sustainability & Environment, Fire, Ambulance & Emergency Services, and local History & Cultural Heritage, and Arts & Environment Groups

The Elements Arts & Cultural Exhibition, Performance & Interpretation Centre will:

- Be an Artist-Inspired, Architect-Designed Fire-Safe, Landscaped Prime Destination
- Build on the Natural History, Simple Charm, Meditative Beauty & Peace of the Ranges
- Develop via Community, Partner & Key Stakeholder Participatory Engagement Processes
- Engage the National & International Arts, Science, Tourism, Education & Policy communities
- Provide In/Outdoor Café/Restaurant, Conference, Cinema, Exhibition & Performance Spaces

The Centre will showcase magnificent panoramic views of Melbourne's Skyline, Mornington Peninsula, Dandenong Ranges, Yarra Valley, the Black Spur, Yarra River, Kinglake Ranges National Park and State Forests, Plenty River, the You Yangs, Maribyrnong River, Western Basalt Plains, Melbourne's Water Catchment, Port Phillip Bay, Bass Strait & the Tasman Sea.

The further development and refinement of this initial proposal will draw on established networks with key local, national and international stakeholders and critical friends from all levels of government, non-government peak bodies, business and multi-national corporations