



Your details

Submission details

I am making this submission as

A member of the general public

Submission type

I am making a personal submission

Consent to make submission public

I would like this submission to remain anonymous

Share your experience or tell your story

Your story

I have been horrified to see the extent of devastation of our Bushland and Animals. The impact of climate change, deforestation and bulldozing of bush needs to be recognised. I was so surprised that

1. There was no immediate response teams that went in to help fire affected wildlife all over NSW.
 2. There was no clear or publicly available resources to access information about the Wildlife or funding for food. Instead charities needed to step up and resolve these key items via donations (no grants available) .
 3. There are no areas agreed (in cities) that are used as evacuation area for wildlife in care.
 - 4 There was no support for people who could not evacuate.
 - 5 Too many people were stuck in unsafe locations, and once power went out no cash, no petrol.
 - 6 Roads cut by fires and falling trees, power lines down. It seemed there had been no planning for evacuation. Road edges
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had trees too close to the road. Again.
 7 The overseas wildlife care and rescue groups who arrived were being advised to go home. Not needed. How many wildlife died and we're injured? Disgraceful. Unlike firefighters who were welcomed
 8 I saw burnt animals that although seem to be OK. Months later develop illness and die. No support for wildlife.
 9 Wildlife Rescue Teams need to be set up, trained, clothed, and become part of the planning process.
 10 Too much is expected of the various volunteers underequipped and under resourced. No funding for wildlife carers who still have wildlife in care so many months later.

Terms of Reference (optional)

The Inquiry welcomes submissions that address the particular matters identified in its [Terms of Reference](#).

1.1 Causes and contributing factors	Lack of intent to protect communities and ignorant of impact of climate change. Lack of protection for wildlife and lack of concern after their habitat has been annihilated.
1.2 Preparation and planning	There was insufficient resources to adequately prepare for the fires. Too few people. Too few opportunity. Too few experienced staff. No planning for Wildlife evacuation requirements or safety. Not part of the equation for the government both federal and state were totally anti wildlife and bush survival /strategic value . If it can't be sold it has no value. No equipment or supplies for wildlife recovery and care totally left to volunteers.
1.3 Response to bushfires	Inadequate immediate response to the growing threat and in the aftermath there was more concern from overseas than in Australia. Limited funding. Starving animals. Politicians went on holiday as Australian and wildlife died. The shining light was NSW fitsimmons who was brilliant. Wish he had the role of looking after the environment how things would be different. Still no plans put in place.
1.4 Any other matters	The surrounding of communities by state forests is a disgrace. A farm is turned into a forest as a green once SD tent. The banks and insurers and gifts know they have forested areas that weren't forested and die to this have made the load increase. They created death traps for locals. Wildlife need a voice in planning of land use. The stripping of protections is not correct. The biodiversity has a value. Climate change is happening. Please don't let this happen again and again.

Supporting documents or images
