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I am making this submission as	Emergency services
Submission type	Personal
Organisation making the submission (if applicable)	
Your position in the organisation (if applicable)	
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Your story	I am a Deputy Captain of a NSW Rural Fire Brigade over 10 years experience, I worked on several fires over the 2019-2020 Bushfire season as a Firefighter, Public Liaison Officer and Divisional Commander. I spend 28 days on the Gospers Mountain Fire.
1.1 Causes and contributing factors	
1.2 Preparation and planning	More training between interstate Firefighting teams in preparation for working in different states.
1.3 Response to bushfires	National common standards for Radio equipment/channels and Communication. Tanker hose connections and incident procedures, would reduce costs, increase firefighter safety and allow fire fighters and fire managers to use assets and people more effectively.

1.4 Any other matters

Recruitment and retention of volunteers from urban areas, training and qualification similar to Armed forces reserve. Annual qualification and training events supported by employers.

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