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<b>Your story</b>	<p>I am 69 years old, since I was 10, I have been on many camping trips with my family and more recently with friends. This camping has been NSW, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and N.T.. More recently I have camped more around the Blue Mountains and coastal regions of NSW. On these trips I would talk to many people, locals who all said "because of the fuel load on the forest floor this area is going to have a major bush fire, with lots of FIRE STORMS"</p>
<b>1.1 Causes and contributing factors</b>	<p>I believe the intensity of the recent bushfires Australia has experienced, was caused by a heavy fuel load. I further believe this has been caused by insufficient hazard reduction burning.</p> <p>For far too long, the Rural Fire Service has had to fill out applications, with most being rejected. During these present fires, there was a news report regarding a women who was very upset,</p>

because her house was destroyed. The lady explained how she approached the relevant department for a back burn near her house, however this application was refused and her house was destroyed, by the fires.

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**1.2 Preparation and planning**

The NSW Government has to prevent people from building houses, in disaster prone areas. There have been far too many houses built in dense bush land. Again, Bush Brigade and SES Captains should advise Councils of any perceived danger. If Land and Environment Court become involved, the court must be on-site. Not in an office.

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**1.3 Response to bushfires**

Therefore, I firmly believe, that all Governments have to change the way hazard reduction burns are organized and carried out. The decision making process has to be taken away from bureaucrats and councils. The only people who should decide when and where a hazard reduction burn will occur, is the Bushfire Brigade Captain and his or her deputies. The fire brigade would be local, to an area which requires hazard reduction burning and selective felling of trees. People sitting at a desk, a long way from an area requiring hazard reduction cannot make decision, in the best interests, of the local community.

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**1.4 Any other matters**

I firmly believe there are far too many National Parks, in NSW. Google quoted 870. THE LAND quoted; 22 November 2019 7:00am  
Before that "greening" frenzy began, soon after Bob Carr came to office in 1995, national parks and reserves accounted for some 4.8% of NSW. Today the total area of the state controlled by the NP&WS is more than 9%  
In less that 20 years, therefore, the area of national parks has virtually doubled, but the resources deployed to manage this vastly expanding empire has not doubled with it. Please see map below.

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**Map 7.3:**  
**National parks and forests reserves, marine parks and aquatic reserves in NSW**

