



Your details

Ms

Title

First name

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Last name

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Submission details

I am making this submission as

A resident in a bushfire-affected area

Submission type

I am making a personal submission

Consent to make submission public

I give my consent for this submission to be made public

Share your experience or tell your story

Your story

The bushfire season was extremely stressful for me and my family who live nearby. Although the fires did not come right up to our houses they were never far away (Grose Valley, Waragamba, Erskine Creek and Woodford. The smoke was difficult to cope with and the constant wind changes and intense heat made it all the more threatening. We evacuated twice and were constantly trying to improve our preparation for the fire to come through.

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

I believe the drought and heatwaves, exacerbated by rising temperatures due to climate change, were precursors. I also believe we need to be better prepared for this to increase if nothing is done to combat the extreme weather events resulting from climate change.

1.2 Preparation and planning

Better preparation should involve co-operation with and learning from indigenous elders and people who know about cultural burning. These people lived on the driest inhabited continent for 60,000 years.

1.3 Response to bushfires

More understanding of the losses suffered and financial and counselling support are needed.

1.4 Any other matters

The enquiry must take serious note of the community - please don't make this a token effort.

Supporting documents or images
