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Submission details

I am making this submission as

Emergency services personnel

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

30+ years experience

Sutherland Shire + flood storm fire search and recovery, earthquake

17 year Army Engineer now Sgt Res

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 preparation for perceived season

Lack of cooperative planning within state and federal agencies
Play down of environmental effects on holiday season until late
Nothing learned from previous years and operations by ADF

1.2 Preparation and planning

Reports late
Not planning early for worsening conditions
Not requesting higher levels of state federal assistance early
And not requesting ADF elements and abilities

1.3 Response to bushfires

No collective memory of 30 + seasons
Lessons learned
Local information disregarded by higher HQ
No memory of ADF assistance possible from both sides and not requested early to stand up and within ADF limited to Reserve when School of Military Engineers is in Sydney

1.4 Any other matters

Tried to pass on past knowledge but went nowhere
Can support with phone docs
Budget cuts to a largely volunteer state will cost greater in the end
Don't expect this to go anywhere as usual

Supporting documents or images
