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<b>1.1 Causes and contributing factors</b>	I'm sure the drought had an impact on the severity of the recent bushfires. In some localised areas, perhaps limited opportunities for controlled burnoffs may have been a factor as well. However, the trend is clear to almost all Australians: the weather is becoming warmer and also more extreme. This is mainly due to man-made climate warming due to CO2 buildup. This is not a new phenomenon but is worsening as buildup increases.
<b>1.2 Preparation and planning</b>	Certainly immediate issues can be addressed, eg more controlled burnoffs, resourcing the RFS better, etc. But looking out further, only reducing CO2 emissions will reduce (not eliminate) the rise in global temperatures. Everyone (governments at the 3 levels, businesses, NFP institutions individuals, etc) must make a big effort to contribute to lower emissions. We cannot wait for others to lead, we all must do

whatever we can from now. This will include transitioning to renewable energy sources and away from CO2 emitting sources eg fossil fuels.

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**1.3 Response to bushfires**

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**1.4 Any other matters**

The bushfires must not lead to additional land clearing; this will only have negative environmental effects.

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