



Your details

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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

I live on the western edge of Moruya Heads. We are on a bush block. Since I bought here in 1995 I have been keeping my grass mown under the red gums. I have removed a lot of shrubs below my house. The neighbours however do not. It would be great if there was a combined Landcare/RFS group who could advise people in vulnerable areas. I did invite Paul Cook from the RFS some years ago after the Canberra fires and he came to our street and advised which house might be the safest shelter should we be caught here by fire. My plan has always been to leave which I did on 2 occasions in January this year. This year I wrote to Council re concerns over the Moruya rubbish tip. It is on the right western edge of town and is surrounded by forest which continues to town. I was there to dump prunings which was apparently fine. However I was contributing to the fire and risk. The huge pile of dry green waste grew every day and eventually the whole lot caught fire, burning right up to fences of homes along Luck St, Moruya.

That tip has only recently reopened in May. The 3 tips in Eurobodalla are all surrounded by bush and are a danger to all of us when they catch fire. This is my first issue.

The second is that we lost communication when Mt Wandera caught fire for weeks. There is still an issue with ABC SE radio. This was a danger to everyone relying on official radio updates on the fires and what we were supposed to be doing.

Hopefully we can ensure that vital infrastructure can be protected in future so that there is a clear area adjacent. I heard on the radio this morning about funding to ensure communication back ups ensure power lasts longer than a couple of hours. They mentioned diesel for generators and I could only think what a bonfire that might result in should or when we have more fires.

I can only thank the brave volunteers who defended property with old equipment. A 75 yo RFS volunteer had to run for his life when the vehicle he was driving broke down. All RFS vehicles and fire sheds should have sprinklers. The Deua River, Bingi, Nerrigunda, Cadgee fire sheds are all in the bush so hopefully they all have sprinkler systems.

Thanks for the opportunity.

Regards
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Terms of Reference (optional)

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1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Rubbish tips in the bush which all caught fire causing increased fire risk, dangerous fumes and inconvenience when closed for weeks after plus loss of equipment and infrastructure.

1.2 Preparation and planning

Not enough householders living in fringe area adjacent to bush do enough to protect their homes and their neighbours.

Supporting documents or images
