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Organisation making the submission (if applicable)	Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council
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Your story	<p>I previously have had experience working with State Forest NSW as an Aboriginal heritage Officer and part of my role as a firefighter. As an Aboriginal person naturally our people have worked and managed the land for Thousands of years using traditional fire burning techniques .These fire practices were naturally done during the right seasonal times following weather patterns. Of course it should be said that the bush is very different today to what our Ancestors may have managed previously. The whole ecology and Eco systems have changed over two hundred years of colonisation also the environment itself has become dryer and weather patterns such as moisture and rainfall has decreased over time. With Logging practices in mass across Australia over 150 years, with these changes in the landscape has influenced the conditions we see today. Our Traditional fire practices which we identify as cool burns relate to a technique that is used as a low burning fires which pool out into each other like pebbles thrown into a water hole causing a rippling effect</p>

therefor creating a low impact burn and a fire that rarely raising past your knees. These burns again are done in conjunction with the conditions of the land itself moisture in the soils on a regular basis. The techniques used by Forestry, National Parks and RFS use drip torch practices where a line of fire is done on the edges of the bush creating instantly very hot fires that can rise to the tops of the canopy, therefor burning everything in its path and creating fire storms where animals cant escape. Today in 2020 our bush has changed dramatically with the result of previously bush management in the last 150 years with that change comes more leaf litter, invasive natives such as tea trees, banksias, hakkeas, etc. The whole of the eco system has been changed even we as Aboriginal people need to adjust to this new system in the land but still I believe the traditional Aboriginal practice that our Ancestors have used for thousands of generations needs to be respect and implemented across the board in all fire agencies in Australia.

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Some of the causes of this whole new fire regime today are previous and continuing Logging practices , Climate Change , and management of burns on country

1.2 Preparation and planning

Because our weather patterns have moved so should the preparations and planning practices

1.3 Response to bushfires

1.4 Any other matters

The Government should seriously consider Aboriginal inclusion of Traditional land management practices by given Aboriginal Land Councils the direct inclusion and consultation in all future land management decisions.

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