



Your details

Mr

Title

First name

Darryl

Last name

Miller

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

Our property overlooks Morton National Park and we under threat from bushfire for most of January. At 2.30am on the 24th January we awoke to the sight of flames less than 1 km from our house. From our house the flames were rising well above 20 metre high Pine trees on an adjoining property. We immediately went to the Fires Near Me app and were unable to obtain any information from this sight. We then began to listen to the RFS scanner and after a lengthy period of time were we able to determine that this was a 'controlled' backburn operation. We had been given no notification that this backburn was to take place.

Terms of Reference (optional)

The Inquiry welcomes submissions that address the particular matters identified in its [Terms of Reference](#).

1.3 Response to bushfires

Residents need to be informed of planned backburn operations whenever possible.

1.4 Any other matters

On a number of occasions we found the Fires Near Me app to be completely out of date and lacking in relevant information. Most of our updates were obtained by listening to the RFS scanner. I believe that plans may be in place to encrypt the RFS scanner. I strongly disagree with these plans as the information obtained from listening to the scanner on many occasions lessened our levels of anxiety as to the fire situation in Morton National Park.

Supporting documents or images

Attach files

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