

## Your details

Mr

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Title

First name

Dennis

Last name

Cole

## Submission details

I am making this submission as

A primary producer

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 am a primary producer and live at the above address. I also have a property at [REDACTED] both were impacted by fire on the 8th October 2019.

I am in the Ewingar Fire Brigade and operated a dozer for years on fires and appreciate air support saving life and property.

There is an issue I would like to express ,I think it's totally wrong that there is no planning on water points in our areas for helicopters . In an emergency they get water where they can without any planning beforehand.

On this property they took water from dams cattle were depending on in the drought we were going through. This dropped the level very quickly and cattle got bogged in the mud. This was episode two. We went through hell trying to get some of the water replaced.

I offered one dam on this property for fire fighting which a semi trailer could access easily with no gates to open and off bitumen access but didn't hear from anyone.

If GPS as a waterpoint it was easy to find .  
Primary Producers may then be able to keep livestock alive and have some water available for firefighting.  
I think you would find people would make an effort to do the same if someone would talk to them, not talk at them saying we are going to take it get out of the way.  
As a Primary Producer we are expected to feed and water our livestock , if we make an application for a D,A to Clarence Valley Council we are compelled to have 20,000 litres of water set aside for fires. Forestry and National Parks have no standards and take water from private property which is wrong. They should be made to have adequate water supply's on their lands available for native animals and fires as do private land owners.  
We do invite you to come and see what we are talking about at a time convenient to you

## **Terms of Reference (optional)**

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## **Supporting documents or images**

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