

## Your details

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**First name**

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## Submission details

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**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

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**Your story**

As a Primary Producer with land bordering a heavily wooded conservation area I have ensured that my property has a minimum fuel load in all years that shape up as being a potential bush fire risk.

To that end I have never had a major bush fire problem.

## Terms of Reference (optional)

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

**1.1 Causes and contributing factors**

Fuel Load. Without it there is no fire. The main street of Bourke N.S.W. experiences the same climatic conditions (

wind , temperature , humidity and so on ) as any fire ground on any given day.

The difference. NO FUEL ..... NO FIRE.

Urban sprawl and lifestyle blocks / subdivision etc. have resulted in many houses being built in areas surrounded with excessive timber and vegetation. This has contributed to a high percentage (but not all) of the properties being destroyed.

### **1.2 Preparation and planning**

Clearing. It's either clear or don't allow building in timbered areas. Failing that it's a case of suffer the consequences without complaint.

Regular fuel load reduction by experienced people. Example :- Shawn Hooper ( Indigenous Fire Practitioner)

### **1.3 Response to bushfires**

Clearing and Hazard reduction would allow Fire Services to successfully defend most properties.

Outbreaks in inaccessible areas with heavy fuel loads are probably better left alone to burn themselves out as successfully extinguishing them is virtually impossible.

## **Supporting documents or images**

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