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Your story

I recently joined the rfs as of March 2019. Our brigade situated in Northern Sydney had gone to almost a callout a day between November and Janurary. Luckily for me every call out I went to was no a property protection, rather a backburn or wash up. However the stories I heard had been quite horrific. The fact that there had been that many deaths in one season just shocked me. Along with that the RFS Commisioner resigned after such a heafty ordeal, which tells you a lot. The fact that the former NSW Fire and Rescue commissioner with over 50 years experience was warning us since August and was rejected on any preparation calls he wanted is ridiculous. I still am embarrassed we had the power to prepare by listening to the experts, and then ignoring at the expense of lives.

Terms of Reference (optional)

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1.1 Causes and contributing factors	Well, majority experts say it was propagated by climate change, not to say that was the sole reason. I believe the lack of hazard reductions by the native people is also a contributing factor.
1.2 Preparation and planning	More indigenous hazard reduction practitioners for the short term solution. In the long term, and this is a MUST, this country has the help the global effort in reducing our emmisions. Its embarrassing we are 2nd highest emitters per capita, and we are the ones dealing with the direct consequences of it. We need to act on climate change beyond politics.
1.3 Response to bushfires	The immediate response was very delayed. Quite angry our prime minister left the country while we dealt with the smoke and the flames. The delayed reponse was ok. The money spent on rebuilding communities was amazing to see. I'm not sure why more money was poured into reconstruction than prevention, logically that makes no sense.
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