



## Your details

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## 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

We were in Queensland when the first fires started there, drove down the east coast as it burnt, arrived in Victoria as the Mallacoota fires were active, went on to South Australia as Kangaroo Island burnt.

The sequence, locations, timing and severity of these bush fires defies belief, to me it looked like a set pattern.

## Terms of Reference (optional)

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

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service needs review. Their charter, legislation, policy and management are failing the

Australian people. Providing a healthy environment for flora and fauna is fantastic, until it's turned into an ash tray.  
The destruction of bush and assets in the KNP is a direct result of their policy and management, it appears that no attempt was made to defend some of Australia's oldest heritage assets in the KNP, a national disgrace.  
Blind Freddy with a wet singlet and a thong could have protected some of these buildings.  
Back burns in the KNP that would have protected all the villages at the western end of Lake Eucumbene should have been encouraged not stopped.

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**1.2 Preparation and planning**

We need more air support so we can attack all fires early in their life, we have seen during these fires how critical this approach has become.  
All government controlled forests must have strong and well maintained fire breaks especially at their boundaries. This must apply to land managed by the NSW lands department.  
The recommendations of the 2003 Canberra bush fire Inquiry must finally be implemented.

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**1.3 Response to bushfires**

We need to change the national narrative around Arson, with the fuel loads and climate conditions we now have, arson should be described as an act of terrorism, with the ability to apply similar penalties.

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**1.4 Any other matters**

"We all live in a country that pays its footballers and cricketers millions of dollars but our firefighters nothing !"

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## **Supporting documents or images**

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