



## 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 live East of Bega in forested area, in a 30 year old owner builder house that has had many investments to protect and defend against fire since construction.

The Badja fire was a direct concern during the NYE fires.

This submission is brief (its deadline day) and is only covering a few areas that may not have received much other input.

## 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**

Human induced climate change exacerbating extreme drought. Denial of the seriousness of the above at many levels of government by ignoring scientific community. Certain media platforms have continued to deny science and mislead the public about the seriousness of climate denial.

### **1.2 Preparation and planning**

We have invested tens of thousands of dollars over the decades in fire fighting pumps, storage tanks, equipment and asset protection zones. We have diligently retro fitted our home to better protect it in fitting with the "stay and defend" ethos that has been the advice (if not leaving early).

Yet there is a contradiction with INSURANCE POLICIES, we would receive discounts in premiums for fitting deadlocks or other security devices (that are relatively redundant in our rural location), but no consideration is given to improvements in asset protection regarding bush fire.

FIRE BUNKERS are a significant potential asset for protecting people and consequently property after the fire front has passed, yet there is little discussion from government about their potential role.

The need for improved management systems in forestry where significant clearing has lead to thick sapling regrowth and subsequent water loss from the soil.

The importance of conducting patchwork hazard reduction that integrates CULTURAL BURNING practitioners. These present opportunities for widespread employment in custodian relationships, knowledge sharing and fuel management.

### **1.3 Response to bushfires**

The RFS Fires Near Me App was a great tool during the crisis but it struggled with current information and needs to include fire information from across State borders.

The RFS maps that predicted fire impact were extremely important for our planning. These must be a challenge to produce but more information about when the next one would be issued would be valuable.

ABC radio was another critical channel for information that needs more resourcing to assist with currency of information.

### **1.4 Any other matters**

I hope that the overwhelming COVID19 pandemic does not distract government from the importance implementing the recommendations of this inquiry.

## **Supporting documents or images**

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