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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

My house burnt down with no warning and few resources in the early evening of November 8th 2019. I learnt that half our community had also been lost.

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 causes of bushfires in NSW in the 2019-20 bushfire season, IS CLIMATE CHANGE. We know from looking at the science, that the earth is heating and therefore is getting hotter and drier. This is evident in the drought we endured

for years before I lost my house.

1.2 Preparation and planning

The government was warned in 2008 that exactly this would happen; the Garnaut report predicted 'observable' increase of fire intensity by 2020. The government did also not heed the warning of the 20 former fire and emergency chiefs from multiple states and territories who said Australia is unprepared for worsening natural disasters from climate change and governments are putting lives at risk. And we were. This is extreme arrogance and denial from the government that has caused the scale of the fires, amount of bushland and habitat lost, LIVES lost and homes destroyed. It is criminally negligent.

1.3 Response to bushfires

There is no phone reception at my old house. I did not receive any text message until my house was burned to the ground. There was one local truck there; no helicopters in sight. At the crucial time of the fire emergency for my family Fires Near Me took the fire off the map. It was so slow to update. I knew our house was gone and yet the app did not show the fire had reached our place for many hours afterwards.

1.4 Any other matters

The climate has changed. What we once knew was true of fires is not true now. If my house can burn down with 1 deg of warming - in Spring - what will my 3 year old child have to face when she is my age??? We need to urgently start to draw down Co2 and stop cutting down our native forests.

Supporting documents or images
