

Your details

Title

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Submission details

I am making this submission as

Emergency services personnel

Submission type

I am making a personal submission

Organisation making the submission (if applicable)

Potato Point rural fire brigade

Your position in the organisation (if applicable)

Captain

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

Communications extremely bad.

New Years eve fire:

No ABC for a week

No landline (for 2 months)

No mobile phone for a week

No NBN for a week

PMR radio to Fire Control 'trunking' due to smoke atmospheric conditions.
No way even to communicate to local brigades i.e. Bodalla, Dalmeny, Tuross Head.
Jan 23 fire Potato Point fire.
Bad communications , no way to effectively communicate with DivCom or any units outside 'line of sight'

We need to step back in technology and have HF radio in vehicles as a backup -
Technology let us down severely !!!
(don't go to SatPhones as they can be unreliable as well)

Terms of Reference (optional)

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

1.3 Response to bushfires

Excellent response by having Strike Teams available for the Jan23rd+ fires.
We could not have saved the infrastructure without the Strike Teams and aerial support!!!
NO houses were lost on the East side of the A1 .

Supporting documents or images
