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Your story	<p>31/12/2019 6am Emergency Evacuation Warning via Text. 6.30am 2nd Text warning.</p> <p>Radio reports fire at Mogo, some 10ks away.</p> <p>Preparing to Leave property. Packed Downpipes with Pillow cases, and started fire pump. Whilst on Roof I see the fire had spotted into 20acre property. Knowing my firehose wouldnt reach it, and fire was expanding exponentially ever minute. Property was tinder dry. Grabbing wife, pets and essentials we left.... It was to dangerous to stay. At this stage we had no power(main turned off) and no phone.</p> <p>Heading for the Beach, we came across a fire truck, parked on the side of the road. Still with my balaclava on, I approached the driver, and told him what was occurring at my residence, and how my residence backs on to 127 houses in Lilli Pilli (Batemans Bay) Estate. As the fire was between. my house, and the estate. some 300m of bush. Thankfully they responded.</p> <p>Personally, We continued to Beach safety. And watched the</p>

plumes of different coloured smoke rise in the vicinity of our home. 1km away.
 Hrs past and I was desperate to get back to our home. First attempt i was turned back by Police. 5 hrs later i was able to get back to my home, street still on fire as we drove in.
 Approaching home we saw it was still standing. Thank God!
 Once stopped we could see smoke. House was alight in 3 places on the sea side.
 We grabbed buckets and put out the fires. And we saved the house. Though we had damage to the tune of \$60,000.
 The property. Out of 20acres of bush, we had 2m strip around home of green, The rest was black to the tree tops. Yes it crowned every tree on the property, bar none!. I'll also say. That the fire service infact saved the house in the first instance.

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

The property was in desperate need of clearing. The asset protection zone and the 10/30 are conflicting. The local council has a \$20,00 fine if you chop down a tree.

In my mind leaving me unable to do anything outside 30m, and no trees chopped outside 10m.

1.2 Preparation and planning

I had no preparation due to above constricting issues.

1.3 Response to bushfires

Asset protection zones.
 With my Home positioned on the top of a rise on both sides, I'd like to see my asset protection zone increased to the bottom of each those gullies.

That was what was needed, for me to atleast stay.

1.4 Any other matters

Council regulations.

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