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Submission details

I am making this submission as

A primary producer

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

thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the inquiry.

We were totally burnt out (2000ha) in the Sir Ivan fire in 2017. We lost 2 houses, shearing shed and 1500 head to sheep but our main residence was saved by a neighbour and his 2 friends. The conditions then were very similar to those to those experienced during the last 8 months across eastern Australia. The catastrophic conditions (very high temps , very low humidity and very high wind speeds) we experienced were replicated across much of eastern Australia during the current extended fire season .. The huge fuel load from the bumper 2016 season magnified the intensity of the Sir Ivan fire.

Unfortunately senior fire managers seem to have learnt little from the Sir Ivan fire enquiry.

One of the major facts is that BIG FIRES start as LITTLE FIRES. Until we recognise this basic reality we will continue to fight unbeatable fires. We see time and time again we wait until a few houses are threatened before we bring out the big guns (the water boomers). The concept of Watch and act? is a nonsense concept.

If you have catastrophic conditions, as we had during the recent fire season, you do not watch and wait for it to become a monster fire.

You through the big guns at the little fires as soon as possible. Imagine if we had sent in the big gun as soon as the lightening strike was identified in the Gosper fire.

Because we place so little value on our national bushland and its animals (National Parks crown lands etc) we let it burn. So a little fire became a mega fire burning millions of Ha, destroying many homes, millions of native animals died, adding millions of tonnes of CO2 into the atmosphere.

I believe this mega fire should have been extinguished while it was a little fire and not allowed to have burn uncontrolled for months

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1.1 Causes and contributing factors

All Farms , Hobby blocks must have a ready for action fire fighting unit. Big fires start as little fires, getting to the fire quickly and getting it under control is crucial

1.2 Preparation and planning

Use local knowledge, Eg some ones who has a good knowledge of local area, eg local vet, local council road crews

1.3 Response to bushfires

in catastrophic conditions use the big guns first not as a last resort.

Better to be sorry you did than sorry you didn't.!

Supporting documents or images
