

## Your details

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**Title**

Mr

**First name**

Jack

**Last name**

Egan

## Submission details

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**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

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**Your story**

Cath is a self-funded retiree with an arts administration background.

Jack has retired since the fires from work in residential aged care.

Our only home was destroyed by the New Year's Eve fire at North Rosedale in the NSW Eurobodalla Shire.

Our property was well-prepared and defensible.

Jack stayed to defend but the radiant heat and embers from the burning house next door ultimately defeated his efforts.

## Terms of Reference (optional)

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

### **1.1 Causes and contributing factors**

It is well-established that the risk, nature and impacts of these bushfires were worsened by climate change – 1.1 degrees average global warming to date.

### **1.3 Response to bushfires**

We support the Eurobodalla Shire Council's call for research on the likely impacts of climate change on bushfire frequency and intensity. Specifically, the bushfire scenarios under various peak warmings (1.5, 2, ... 4 degrees) should be researched.

Any government's first duty is to protect its citizens. This is the driver behind our NSW impressive Covid-19 response. We submit that this duty be properly extended to protection from bushfires in a warming climate.

Ensuing sensible bushfire protective measures involving construction standards, retrofitting, fuel reduction, asset protection zoning, major infrastructure protection and emergency management will all be less effective if the underlying climatic driver of dangerous bushfires is not addressed

Without truly effective climate action, we, who have so personally experienced what a worsening future holds, cannot feel safer for ourselves and our community or confident for our offspring's future.

### **1.4 Any other matters**

We submit that NSW Government do its utmost to convince and support communities, companies and governments everywhere to rapidly exit coal, gas and oil dependence, reduce emissions and embrace renewables.

The long-term economic opportunities, even for coal miners, are greater in a renewables powered economy than a fossil fuel powered one. Moreover, energy generation and use can be unconstrained in a renewables world. Thus, allowing high-energy technologies and industries to flourish, as the economist Ross Garnaut has explained in his recent book, Superpower.

## **Supporting documents or images**

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