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| **I am making this submission as** | Resident |
| **Submission type** | Personal |
| **Organisation making the submission (if applicable)** | |
| **Your position in the organisation (if applicable)** | |
| **Consent to make submission public** | Public |
| **Your story** | My wife neighbours and I attempted to control afire started by embers on the stock reserve adjacent to our property on the 9th of November 2019 . Further ember attack around us and flames approximately 10metres high from the fire front had police help us evacuate us to Wingham. For a 12 hour period the fate of our property was unknown , thankfully a RFS crew from Tinnonee saved the property with many acres burnt around us . On the 12th of November, the village of Killabakh was attacked by fire resulting in 10 houses being lost had it not been for the tireless effort of the RFS and civilian support , helicopters and fire brigade the village would have been another disaster. Surviving structures suffered smoke and ember damage making many uninhabitable for weeks and resulting in insurance claims being lodged . |

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| **1.1 Causes and contributing factors** | The inability for RFS and other parties such as National Parks to carry out controlled hazard reduction due to government regulation ( some areas hadn't been burnt for 20 years ) were a MAJOR contributing factor in the extent of damage and loss of wildlife |
| **1.2 Preparation and planning** | RFS need to be given control of a self designed program of hazard reduction , not being dictated to or controlled by a authority out of region . |
| **1.3 Response to bushfires** | Our local brigade were stalled by beaurocracy in doing a backburn of approximately 300mts to " lock in " a fire getting permission from Sydney to carry out the work . LEAVE IT TO THE LOCAL RFS to decide what action to take. |
| **1.4 Any other matters** | Photos below show Killabakh village from 1.5klm away exploding and paddocks adjacent to our property 9th - 15th November |
| **Upload files** | Alan-Hull-fire-fighting-November1502020.jpg - Download File<br>WIN-20191112-19-47-49-Pro.jpg - Download File<br>WP-20191118-13-24-46-Pro.jpg - Download File |