



Your details

Mrs

Title

First name

Jennifer

Last name

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Submission details

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

Your story

Good evening,
Today, 29 May 2020 I had my 29 weeks midwives appointment at South East Regional Hospital in Bega. I was asked if I was present during the bushfires, which I was. They then said that all of the women in the Bega Valley who were here for the fires are birthing early with sick babies. It's been happening for the past 6 weeks or more and they expect it will continue until October, based on information coming from the Californian Wild Fires research. They currently have a record 4 babies in the nursery receiving care, it's never happened before.
Please help us and our babies, so this never happens again.
Jen Spears

Terms of Reference (optional)

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

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Prolonged bushfire smoke

1.4 Any other matters

Ongoing health issues

Supporting documents or images
