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Submission details

I am making this submission as

A member of the general public

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

I wish to give a real-life example of the value of Hazard/Fuel Reduction burning. When a bushfire took our home in the TeaTree Fire (Tinderry Mountains NSW) on 17 December 2009, there was one area of the mountain escarpment that did not burn when everything surrounding it was blackened and decimated. The local RFS brigade did a light burn in part of this area in the preceding Autumn and it did not burn at all when this deliberately-lit wildfire came through on a catastrophic day. It was not only the one safe place for wildlife to go, but also for a local brigade member who got trapped and remembered the hazard reduced area would be his best option. Now, ten years later, this particular area remains with low undergrowth and unburnt tall trees, whilst the surrounding areas are now like a jungle of undergrowth with dead sticks above.

For those who say we should exclude fire from the bush entirely, I wish they could tell me how to eliminate both lightning and arsonists!

I have been involved with the NSW RFS through my husband's service for the last 41 years as well as my parents' and brother's membership over many years.

PLEASE unravel the green tape that has made fuel reduction so onerous. It used to be done quite effectively before very restrictive regulations made it so much harder in the mid 1990s.

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