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Your story	<p>I was a lucky one only some minor damage to my yards but it has impacted me in so many ways. Firstly on New Years Eve the fire rating was only Severe and there were no trucks on the ground I understand they were taken to Nowra. Secondly I have an elderly frail mother and by the time we got notice to shelter from the fire it was too late to leave Lake Conjola and only option was to go to the beach but as my mother cannot walk far and the roads were clogged with cars it was not a viable option. We stayed at home on the edge of the National Park that was destroyed by the firestorm. We survived and houses intact through hard work by neighbors and myself but it takes a toll and even my mother said we were lucky to survive. My issues were the aftermath we had no way to communicate with the outside world and if you had a battery powered radio you could get updates but there was a lot of misinformation going around. In this day and age the fact that we did not have communication to the outside world was ridiculous especially when they thought the whole area was burnt</p>

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Lack of burning off
Drought
Fuel load in forested areas
Lack of cleared fire trails
Climate change all contributed to the fires that impacted us

1.2 Preparation and planning

Our houses were prepared or we would have lost more but council owned reserves were neglected and it was one of these that caused most damage to my property

1.3 Response to bushfires

Due to the size of the fires in the area and the amount of potential to spread through bush that had high fuel loads the RFS was under resourced in numbers and also equipment

1.4 Any other matters

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