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Your story	<p>Our home was directly impacted by the New Year's Eve fire and myself and neighbours fought to save our home for hours. Luckily my home was saved, though two of my neighbours lost their home.</p> <p>I believe the Blackburn by the National Parks on the evening of the 30th of December brought the fire to the doorstep of the populated areas. Had it not been lit, there is some possibility that in my mind that the fire would not have reached Conjola Park.</p> <p>We had very extreme conditions on the day and apart from the unhelpful back burn, we were left to defend our homes with no professional assistance.</p>

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Back burn by National parks against local advise.
Extreme weather event

1.2 Preparation and planning

Received no assistance on the day.
Residents self prepared.

1.3 Response to bushfires

Lack of help in our valley until 9 days later.

1.4 Any other matters

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