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Your story	My story is quite simple, i read the warnings and got my family out then and there to safety but thats not what my submission is about its about the failure to launch back up systems of assets the government knew they had, these assets could have provided more trucks which inreturn could have saved more lives and property
1.1 Causes and contributing factors	
1.2 Preparation and planning	
1.3 Response to bushfires	The dept of defence and the australian government knew full well there was a fleet of ex-military TITAN airbase emergamcy response trucks sitting in RAAF base bandianna awaiting auction dates to sell to general public these assets should have

recalled into action from september and put on the front line and not wait until december/january when we had already lost so much a firetruck with 2 high pressure water cannons, large scale storage tanks for water and retardant and multiple hose outlets could have provided more trucks at more properties to fight the inferno we faced ive had multiple conversations with firefighters who were boots on the ground for months on end and everyone said they had more than enough firefighters to do the job, but lacked vital assets to get the boots on the ground.

Why did it take for the majority of what we had faced for months be over and semi-contained for the NSW government to act and move them in, consider this a ego booster toot my own horn moment but a current affair put out a facebook post saying they were talking to the treasurer and what would the public like to ask in regards to the bushfire crisis, i replied to that post asking if they could get an answer on why the trucks werent mobilised as national assets to help fight, 2-3 weeks later i seen a post from a local RFS unit about their help down south and what do i see, the TITAN trucks being used with a sign on the side stating "ASSET PROTECTION"

If members of the public are aware of these things, why cant we ever raise the question to powers that be, we never have an open communication line to throw ideas up and see if that idea is doable and can work.

If there was an open communication line the public could ring with ideas like i had we could have had the trucks on the ground rolling out back in september WHEN WE NEEDED THEM

1.4 Any other matters

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