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Your story	<p>I live on the far south coast, near Bermagui. I was evacuated 3 times. I had good contact with our whole village thru a telephone tree, thus was able to keep track of everyone. Until there was no power. Events have affected whole community and changed everyone I know. Profound . Anger, resentment and outrage. We feel left out.</p> <p>Now in recovery I am deeply involved in feeding desperate native animals. Very hard to get the trickle down donation money to get fresh food for them. We have 64 feeding stations manned by volunteers around our area. This is a community immediate response to the appalling deaths of native animals.</p> <p>For people, it is still first in their local conversations.</p>
1.1 Causes and contributing factors	<p>Cause is drought, heat, winds and ignorance and ideology mindset.</p> <p>Intensity= clearing land opens the canopy, dries out the soil and undergrowth leading to a buildup of flammable bush. To lower</p>

this risk, stop logging (it is not profitable and we get enough from plantations) and giving forestry companies carte blanche to do it any way they like, including leaving masses of winnows waiting for a fire. (we see this frequently where we live).
 LISTEN to indigenous people. The whole populations needs to change their thinking about farmlands, food and caring for our unique landscape.
 We changed society-thinking with smoking, we CAN do it with landscape.
 Adopt the aboriginal saying of "we belong to the land, the land does NOT belong to us". Then we will be at least on the right track. Teach this across media and schools. Hammer it into rusted-on ideology from forebears.

1.2 Preparation and planning

Reduce fossil fuels, coal and methane.
 Lower meat consumption.
 Lower the need to consume all the time.
 Lack of education. Too much confusion and mis information.
 GOVT SHOULD PUT OUT STRONG STATEMENTS OF FACTS to reduce misinformation. (esp by media with agendas)
 Building standards too expensive and awkward. Keep it simple.
 Respect indigenous ideology and put it into practice by training and employment.
 IMMEDIATE MANAGEMENT: Fires Near Me excellent but should include a page of legend, i.e what each sign means and what shadows mean. Too much confusion.
 Community response excellent.
 Federal govt response appalling.
 confusion over what is state and what is federal.
 Evacuation centres need signs signs signs and whiteboards and loud speakers!! Needed them immediately.
 Need more helicopters, planes and fighting equipment and fire engine in good order.
 Need more personnel and training.
 Need to reimburse people so not out of pocket.
 No power...need more signs!
 STOP LOGGING and making the landscape more susceptible to fires! Stop clearing! for farms. There is another way to work our landscape. Listen to experts!!!

1.3 Response to bushfires

Excellent at community level despite natural confusion. Woeful at Federal level. It was a war scene on the south coast, therefore need a war response, i.e. immediate emergency and deployment of extra help where needed. Not three weeks later!

1.4 Any other matters

Need more awareness of bio nature and education.
 Radical change is essential for future. Change of crops to dry cultivation crops.
 Eco tourism can replace current harmful business e.g. logging and farming with cattle/sheep.
 Train and use indigenous methods where we can.
 We need one place to go to apart from Fires Near Me, for access to latest information. ABC was excellent but need one station dedicated to it.
 Axe wrong information getting out there, confusing issues.
 ALLOW EMERGENCY ON A NATIONAL SCALE IMMEDIATELY.
 work together! bring scientists, biologists, indigenous, fires, and govt agencies together.

 We had 4,000 people evacuated in Bermagui NYE morning The surf club was amazing. Getting correct information was frustrating. How to feed and placate so many people? We did it! but govt still not listening and acting. GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING AND START AGAIN OR YOU WILL BE FOREVER BAND-AIDING!
 Listen to Kooris
 Stop logging

Re-educate farming community
teach about how landscape and dryness works.
Take 2GB off the air.

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