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Submission details

I am making this submission as

A primary producer

Submission type

I am submitting on behalf of my organisation

Organisation making the submission (if applicable)

Lapland Pastoral Company

Your position in the organisation (if applicable)

Owner

Consent to make submission public

I give my consent for this submission to be made public

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Your story

During the bushfires of December 2019 and January 2020 in the Eurobodalla it was every man and woman for themselves. Our farm is on the eastern side of the Princes Highway, 8 km south of Moruya and was in clear and present danger for six to eight weeks.

Our property has 110 acres of bush. The fires were threatening from the NW, West, SW and South. At no point during the crisis were either we or any of our neighbours contacted. No local knowledge was sought from us. We witnessed poor fire strategy

by RFS, obviously co ordinated by central command with zero communication with land holders on the ground. To the West, Forestry and RFS used bulldozers to in heavy bush to turn old bush tracks into containment lines. There lines were breeched by fire in minutes. Back burning during a five day southerly would have worked much better, especially at Beashels. More landholders consultation is required instead of RFS holier than now centralised control being the holders of all wisdom. There seemed to be zero communication with local brigades. Frankly, we were left to our own devices and had to only rely on ourselves to save ourselves.

Terms of Reference (optional)

The Inquiry welcomes submissions that address the particular matters identified in its [Terms of Reference](#).

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Too much regulation of farmers hazard reduction burning

1.2 Preparation and planning

Too much regulation of Farmrs hazard reduction burning

1.3 Response to bushfires

The RFS are not the sole holders and authority that know all.

Supporting documents or images
