

Your details

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Submission details

I am making this submission as

A resident in a bushfire-affected area

Submission type

I am making a personal submission

Consent to make submission public

I give my consent for this submission to be made public

Share your experience or tell your story

Terms of Reference (optional)

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

1.3 Response to bushfires

In my area we had bushfires in January 2019 and had to evacuate on two occasions. I live in the town of Geeveston and in the past spent 17 years on huon Valley Council. The question I would ask is 'how do towns burn'? Who is responsible for protecting townships from bushfires ? This issue is within the domain of local councils many of who have by-laws to stop people protecting their properties. (Australia Wide). Why aren't councils held accountable for the damage they cause by interfering with fire protection. Why dont councils have prepared fire prevention rules

and regulations. Why do towns have bush and inflammable trees in their streets. Why is the land and home owner prevented from taking action to prevent his own being burnt by carrying out fire prevention in his back yard, his street, his suburb. How can a bushfire make its way to people front doors when the local council is responsible for the public safety of the community. Why do council play politics and practice dangerous green policies that endanger the public safety of home owners and residents. Surely standard rules enforced by the state governments can save homes, towns and public areas from wild fires. The truth is that councils play politics similar to state governments who play green politics with people's assets and health and safety. There should be no way that a town can burn or suburbs burn if councils and governments do their jobs. Fire prevention is not just playing around with backburns off season cold burning. It is keeping the paddocks and streets clear of inflammables and allowing home owners to carry out their own preventions as well. During the Vic fires of 2011 one owner was fined \$40,000 for protecting his own property . His was the only home to survive in his street. (anecdotally.) Politicians and councils playing games is a huge contributor to the bush fire danger. It is time council and other were supervised and told how to prevent their towns from burning. Councils and State governments have duty of safety for citizens and for the assets of citizens. The failure is Local Councils playing politics and not doing their jobs. I would expect you to address this matter urgently. Councils have failure and maybe fire management should be taken off them and they should be supervised in how to carry out proper fire management. No more politics.

1.4 Any other matters

Recognise that homeowners and citizens have a point of view when addressing risk. Dont impose council politics on home owners Councils dont do their jobs because of politics. Time to wake up.

Supporting documents or images
