

## Your details

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**Title**

Mr

**First name**

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**Last name**

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## Submission details

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**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

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**Your story**

Our 20 acre property in Bemboka was burnt in the January 2020 fires.

Fire burnt through most of the property destroying a habitable studio and sheds.

Most of the orchard and garden burnt. Fences were destroyed. Our saving grace was that the house was saved. For this we are very thankful.

## Terms of Reference (optional)

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

### **1.1 Causes and contributing factors**

Too much fuel on the ground. National parks and state forests need a completely new fire reduction policy based on the Aboriginal 'Fire stick' method.

IN my opinion everyone on land needs to have a fire reduction plan...and MUST be incorporating Aboriginal burning methods.

### **1.2 Preparation and planning**

I believe we can do alot to avoid or minimise the devastating affects for fire.

However we need to develop our understanding of how to look after the land we live on.

I would like to see more concerted effort from the government to work with Aboriginal firestick practices as expounded by the author of Fire Country Victor Steffensen.

### **1.3 Response to bushfires**

I was amazed at the work the RFS did. The helicopters saved many houses including ours.

### **Supporting documents or images**

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