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Your story	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. Like millions of people, I was shocked to see the scale of the fires, the loss of wildlife and how unprepared NSW was</p> <p>I would like to know</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-why the Premier /Government refused to meet with ex Fire Chiefs to better prepare-why were National Park staff reduced-why Aboriginal cool burning practices arent standard-why we have billions for stadiums in Sydney but not for fire fighting services-why areas are high wildlife diversity not better protected-why kangaroo culling is currently carried out without a full assessment of species loss has happened-why koala habitat logging and clearing is still occurring despite the heavy loss the species took - these areas include but not limited to south west Sydney eg Campbelltown, Wilton and

Northern nsw

- Did the Premier ask the PM for assistance in September?
- How will the NSW Government protect National Parks and State Reserves and Parks from pressures to open them to cattle and logging pressures

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Climate Change is drying the continent leaving it vulnerable to Fires and floods

Land clearing and logging of National and State Parks as well as private land has contributed to desertification and driver to climate change

1.2 Preparation and planning

Not enough water bombers, fully equipped and paid firefighters

Why didnt the Premier meet with ex fire chiefs to discuss the upcoming fire season they predicted would be unprecedented

1.3 Response to bushfires

Inadequate In terms of manpower and equipment
Unclear if help from the Federal Govt was sought in September

1.4 Any other matters

Have little confidence in NSW to put science and conservation at the heart of decision making. Vested interests including mining, agribusiness and logging appear to have an ear but science and conservationists do not

I am very concerned for the future of our wildlife, national and state parks and tourism

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