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Your story

Mark Cepak is a referee and Data Scientist.  
Mark Cepak has been collaborating with Professor Stephen Holgate for 2 months.  
Professor Holgate has introduced Mark Cepak to the Woolcock Institute of respiratory Research through Professor Carol Armour.  
Aim : to investigate the causal links to the Scheduled Competiton deaths (SCD's) in NSW that are unexplained publically.  
All data has been sourced from internet website and news websites as described in the appendix 7

## Terms of Reference (optional)

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

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**1.1 Causes and contributing factors**

In the cohort of 16 SCD's 67% had Hazard reduction burns associated within the period 3 months before. 11% were associated to recycling plant fires in Chester hill and Someby. Only 22% were associated with wildfire.

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**1.2 Preparation and planning**

Mark Cepak's ability to prepare and plan to referee Soccer matches is quite problematic.  
Mark Cepak is scheduled to do a game 7 days before it is to be played. RFS puts out a plan that they may do backburning in an Area.. I.e Castle cove Harold Reid Park this weekend. Should I stop going with a planned Back burn. On the 4th of July it rained and I would guess the planned back burn is not going to happen. However this does not stop a Hazard reduction burn settling on my Ground today at Norman Griffiths oval from another source. During the Bush fire Period October 2019-Jan 2020 Cricket was postponed for Juniors on the 2nd of the November during the hazardous air quality of Newcastle . Adults played on the 2nd (AQI 189). 2 adults died within 3 hours of each other and 11 kms of each other on the 11th of November (AQI 30)

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**1.3 Response to bushfires**

Given the associations found in enclosed requirements to see 1) better prediction of the Smoke plume's settling into the weekend sports tournaments in NSW would be helpful . 2) The ability of match officials to abandon play when smoke is too great by the Australian Institute of sport visual guidelines . 3) That a feedback from the ground to the EPA is provided. This might be an early detection of a new fire , Hazard reduction burn, illegal burn upwind .4) That the EPA , Bureau of meteorology supply a forecast that wind is due to blow smoke away within a given period ( so the participants and spectators can get to a lung safe environment ASAP. 5) That if exposure has occurred vigorous exercise is not allowed for a period.

## Supporting documents or images

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**Attach files**

- Air quality versus Scheduled Competitive Deaths NSW 4 rd July @ 11.28 am.pptx
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