



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

Your story

I was directly affected by the thick smoke coming from the Minimbah fire which was allowed to burn for approximately 3 months at the start of the fire period.

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

Majority of fires appear to have been deliberately lit.

1.2 Preparation and planning

Apply and enforce permanent total fire bans for the whole of the fire danger season.

1.3 Response to bushfires

More resources need to be deployed earlier to extinguish fires when they are first lit and are a small size.
The environment needs to be given a much higher priority - especially areas that include threatened or endangered species of plants and animals.
Man made infrastructure can be rebuilt - extinct plants and animals can not!

1.4 Any other matters

Penalties for those lighting fires needs to be substantially increased as they are effectively acts of domestic terrorism, manslaughter and environmental genocide.

Supporting documents or images
