



Your details

Mr

Title

First name

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Last name

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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

We watched and monitored the bush fire conditions even before the Currowan fire started in 2019. We have been waiting for the fire that swept through our property since 2001. Our paddock were short, we'd cleared around our house, we had a A, B, C..... Then we waited. My concern was that if it headed north of Pigeon House Mountain it would be behind us and put us in danger. We braced twice before on the 31st of December 2019, we cleared the family out and, myself and my son watched fires to the north and south pour towards the east coast. Then on the many inspections to the rear of our property we could see flame. From the north west black smoke rose up from the direction of Porters Creek Dam. On riding back on the bike I could see flames in the property to our north. I stopped to warn our neighbor to our north east and by the time I returned my son pointed to fire in our back paddock. We had a pump with hoses between us and with the help of 4 NPWS personnel we defended our house. We lost sheds and fencing. Every part of our property and surrounding

properties burned. Houses in our road were lost with damage to services. I'm extremely grateful to those who helped us.

Terms of Reference (optional)

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1.2 Preparation and planning

Essential

Supporting documents or images
