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| Your story | The dust and smoke which covered the whole of NSW was a mess. Travelling anywhere outside became a potential health risk and day to day life was made much for difficult because of it. |
| 1.1 Causes and contributing factors | I believe that it should be of the Australian Government's interest to follow the overwhelming global evidence supporting Climate Change's existence, and implement strategies to support renewable energies and move away from fossil fuels. |
| 1.2 Preparation and planning | From what I understand, there were a number of preparations and warnings in place to mitigate bushfires, but Climate Change denial prompted inaction to get ready for these disasters. Now that we have seen the extent to which bushfires can reach, we should not cut fire fighter funding at all since things will only get worse as the years go on. |

1.3 Response to bushfires

1.4 Any other matters

If nothing else, there should be some way for people to get their hands on reliable face masks in the event of a bushfire like we saw over the weeks leading into the Christmas period. The fact that people can buy out supplies and leave others to face health risks is unfair and cruel on their parts. I can imagine a service in which backlogged masks are mailed to recipients working, or even in-person pickup points/stations for the weak or elderly.

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