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<b>Your story</b>	<p>I have worked with the urban fire brigades as a contractor for 7 seasons on Helicopters and this year geared up to save my parents house on the ground, as it was in the path of a head fire. I see millions of dollars thrown at aircraft stupidly because it can be politically proven that the money is needed, especially if you stop people reducing fuel earlie so that the fire outcome is massive. More fuel, more fire, more money! Massive amounts of money thrown at the urban furies to the point they only drink bottled water and leave half drank bottles lying around because they can. Putting urban fire fighters on a rural fire is asking for trouble also ive seen because they dont use fire to fight with. Total fire bans are a joke when defending a property. Years ago farmers protected their property with fire and mop up with a little water, there may even be a local rural brigade to help. Now we are required to fight with water because of the Total fire ban when these fires are coming. No one can have enough water to fight a head fire that is very big, not anyone in the fire brigade</p>

even. So by making it illegal to light a fire to protect your property, it is making people have to wait for the oncoming head fire and fight that. By putting a total fire ban in place while these fires were on, put the whole load of fighting all of the fires to the fire brigade because they can afford the amount of water required, which can not work, as there are not enough of them, and they really should be just helping the farmers fight it instead. It also made it more dangerous for people to stay and fight, because they had to wait for the massive fronts to come and not just burn around their house in their own time and with little danger.

<b>1.1 Causes and contributing factors</b>	if its dryer, fires will be hotter, travel faster. climate change is irrelevant to the local fire behavior.
<b>1.2 Preparation and planning</b>	National Parks need to make it easier to burn within their own organisation. there are too many restrictions when its time to do it and it doesnt get done or gets pressure to light even when its not ready simply because it was booked in.
<b>1.3 Response to bushfires</b>	The command is taken away from the local brigades and an incident management crew setup, sometimes i think for the sole purpose of making the fire go for as long as possible, because they are not interested in putting it out quick with backburns. Goes longer, more money...
<b>1.4 Any other matters</b>	Theres no doubt the people in the country now have a lack of fire knowledge. they have moved from the town or city and have not been handed down from a previous generation the knowledge involved, so need to be shown. While these fires were going and a total fire ban in place, i was actually out helping with a cane fire under the exemption and it goes to show fires can be put right out quickly if you really want to, by fire itself. By back burning an extra couple of kilometers, you could save millions.
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